



IRA meeting unlikely

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IRA past meeting 'highly unlikely'

A meeting between the IRA and a group looking into how Northern Ireland should deal with its past is highly unlikely, republican sources insisted tonight.

The Consultative Group on the Past, which is headed by former Church of Ireland Primate Lord Eames and ex-Northern Ireland Policing Board deputy chair Denis Bradley, has met with MI5 as part of its deliberations on a way forward and had hoped for discussions with the Provisional leadership.

However, republican sources appeared to dash the group's hopes of any talks. "The consultative group was set up by the British Government," a source said.

"Its terms were set by the British Government.

"A meeting with the IRA is highly unlikely"

The Eames/Bradley Consultative Group was set up last June by the then Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Hain to examine whether a South African-style Truth Commission was needed to help the province to come to terms with the Troubles.

Among its members are former Irish and British Lion rugby legend Willie John McBride, Armagh gaelic footballer Jarlath Burns and Presbyterian minister the Rev Lesley Carroll.

The group has held a number of public and private meetings to gauge opinion.

It has been keen to find out if all sides involved in the conflict would cooperate in any truth process.

The group is expected to report back to the British Government this

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There is no parallel to be drawn by circumstances in South Africa and those in Northern Ireland. Apartheid South African policing and justice was never geared for policing crime and administering justice, but geared exclusively to enforcing and upholding the apartheid system.

On 26 Feb at 09:29 - police widow from north west said:

how could anyone knowing the ira expect that they could meet the consultant group face to face and give account of the past they were never shown in daylight like british soldiers and ruc officers they cannot face the truth and their victims demands how they put fear into their beloved ireland the many children robbed of a loving parent the war like conditions they forced us to live under without it being an actual war

On 26 Feb at 11:20 - William from Londonderry said:

If the IRA refuse to help their victims find the truth Republicans should stop shouting about justice for those killed by other organistions involved in the conflict.

On 26 Feb at 13:42 - lorna from limavady said:

they were the only "ARMY" whose members could not be clearly identified or called to give an account of past mistaken targets now that they are no can do. how can people support such cowards

On 26 Feb at 19:20 - JANE from N.BELFAST. said:

Lorna why don,t you ask Peter Mc Brides mother. ?

On 26 Feb at 22:10 - ciaran from newry said:

How many of the soldiers responsible for bloody sunday were identified or brought to justice.Very few members of the british army were brought to account for their illegal actions and those that were got a slap on the wrist and sent back to their units. Meeting with the victims and relatives will bring comfort and closure to no-one.All it will result in will be bitter exchanges and emotional outbursts,none of which will help.

On 26 Feb at 22:57 - Brian from LA said:

One thing I can tell you: The north of ireland will get not one dollar of investment money from the USA in May unless Justice and Policing is restored to Stormont. Not one nickel! Ignore Sinn Fein and remain in Poverty where the DUP has kept you for 50 years!

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