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Victims of Libyan sponsored IRA attacks were given a 'glimmer of hope' by Gordon Brown when they took their compensation battle to Westminster.

The Prime Minister told campaigners he would ensure the Government did everything it could to support the claim against Colonel Gaddafi, who supplied Semtex, arms and training to terrorists during the 1970s and 1980s.

The Government had maintained it would no longer pursue Libya to pay compensation to survivors, despite American terror victims winning their campaign earlier this year.

In a direct plea to Mr Brown, victims, including Michelle Williamson whose mother and father George and Gillian were among nine civilians who died in the Shankill bombing in 1993, explained the devastation of

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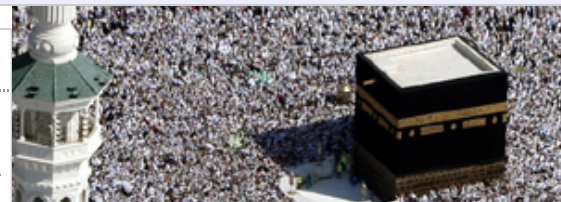
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the Libyan supported bombing campaigns.

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Michelle said: "I though we wouldn't get anywhere but he has given me a glimmer of hope.

"This is not about money, it's about justice."

Jonathan Ganesh (36), from London, was injured in the Canary Wharf blast in 1996.

He said: "I was on duty as a security guard when the bomb went off. I was buried beneath the rubble but I survived. Two of my friends, John Jeffries and Inam Bashir, were killed.

"I am still haunted by this. If I wasn't doing something to take action I wouldn't be able to sleep at night."

The meeting with the Prime Minister, held in the House of Commons, was organised by the DUP deputy leader Nigel Dodds, who raised the issue earlier this year in a Westminster Hall debate.

"Gaddafi's semtex is responsible for the death and injury of thousands of people across the UK," he said.

"Our point was to bring to the Prime Minister the personal accounts of the victims of Gaddafi's role in terrorism who will not have closure until justice is done.

"Gaddafi should be made responsible and made to pay the same way the American and French government's ensure for their citizens.

"Prior to today the Government has said there is nothing it could or would do. Now there is a will to do something if a way can be found.

"The Prime Minister said he was prepared to monitor this and do everything he could as far as the British Government is concerned.

"I take encouragement from today that the door is not closed and the case is very much active. We intend to look carefully at how to proceed now."

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what about the victims of the loyalist paramilitaries ? can they not seek compensation from those that supplied loyalist terrorists with their weapons and explosives ?

Posted by Conroy | 11.12.08, 17:23 GMT

Will Dodds and his cronies seek justice and compensation for all Catholics murdered by guns, montages, and information handed over to Loyalists by HM security services and also sue the American government as well for the use of Americans weapons and explosives plus every other State that can be some how connected to weapons used by Republicans.....Dodds and the rest are blatantly sectarian in their search for compensation and justice for one particular religion whilst ignoring the victims of another....

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