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### Miami Showband massacre on meeting agenda

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

A survivor of the 1975 Miami Showband massacre is calling on the British Government to admit its role in the killings.

Three members of the popular group were shot dead by a UVF gang that tried to plant a bomb on their minibus in Co Down.

There have long been suspicions of British collusion with the killers.






The matter is to be raised by the Foreign Affairs Minister Dermot Ahern during a meeting with Northern Ireland Secretary Shaun Woodward in Dublin today.

Miami Showband member Steven Travers, who survived the attack, says he wants the Irish Government to keep pushing for answers from the British Government.

"I don't need inquiries or tribunals or anything like that, although perhaps they will help somebody," he says.

"I'd just like the British Government to acknowledge their role in this. "

An inquiry by the Oireachtas, the Irish parliament, recently found that widespread collusion between the British security forces and loyalist paramilitaries was behind a number of atrocities on both sides of the border in the 1970s in which 18 people were killed.

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