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Too little too late: relatives of victims

Relatives of UVF victims say any progress towards permanent peace is a good thing - but they want the loyalist group to start giving answers to troubling questions. Chris Thornton reports

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Almost 600 families were left bereaved by the UVF during 40 years of killings - and many of them were anticipating today that the terror group would need to do more to finally resolve its long campaign.

Some of the victims' relatives who spoke to the Belfast Telegraph before the expected UVF statement welcomed any progress by the loyalist group.

But there was also scepticism about the group's intentions - and calls for more information about links to the security forces.

Records show the UVF was responsible for 569 deaths between 1966 and 2005. About three-quarters of them were Catholics and 25% Protestants.

Their first victim was John Patrick Scullion, who was shot in West Belfast on June 11, 1966 by the UVF gang led by Gusty Spence - the veteran loyalist who delivered the loyalist ceasefire statement in 1994 and the latest UVF announcement.

The most recent UVF killing was of Michael Green, on August 15, 2005, in the Sandy Row area of Belfast.

The Dublin-Monaghan bombings on May 17, 1974 were among the worst incidents carried out by the UVF - leaving 33 people dead.

Margaret Urwin, secretary of the Dublin-Monaghan relatives' group Justice for the Forgotten, said the UVF needs to come clean about who helped carry out the bombings. Some evidence points towards the security forces.

"The UVF admitted the Dublin-Monaghan bombings 19 years after the event, after denying it all that time," she said. "When they admitted it, they declared that they acted alone.

"There's enough evidence now that shows that's untrue as well. We would like to see them come forward and tell the truth about what happened.

"Obviously every move is a good move.

"But if the republicans decommissioned, so should the loyalists be expected to decommission."

The 13th anniversary of Roseanne Mallon's murder by UVF gunmen will fall on the day Stormont is revived next week.

Her nephew, Martin Mallon, also called for the UVF to reveal the role of informers in her killing outside Co Tyrone.

Undercover soldiers were present when she was killed but ordered "not to react".

"There's still no word on who's pulling who's strings," he said.






"I supported Sinn Fein in moving forward, and things have to move forward, but the British Government have to stand up and say 'we were involved in a dirty war and we guarantee that our war is finished'.

"They're asking nationalists and republicans to support the police, but the British government is still protecting these murderers.

"They need to be a lot more transparent about what went on."

Paul McKenna's sister Sharon was shot by the UVF on January 17, 1993, as she cooked a meal for a Protestant friend who had just been released from hospital.

Earlier this year, the Police Ombudsman found that her killer had been a paid police informant who was

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Paul McKenna said he welcomed the UVF statement "though it is a bit too late".

"Any move in that direction we would have to support," he said.

"What I'd really welcome is if they went away and left everybody alone."

He said he would be "very sceptical" of any apology from the UVF.

The murder of Paul McIlwaine's son David, alongside Andrew Robb in 2000, was linked to the UVF.

He said: "They have to decommission.

"First and foremost, get rid of the criminality and rogue elements in the organisation. Then disband the organisation itself - although you have to welcome any move and put it down as progress."

He also wants the group to give information about killers who acted outside the orders of the UVF leadership.

Raymond McCord's campaign about the UVF murder of his son, Raymond Jnr, led to a major Police Ombudsman report about collusion between members of the group and police.

"I want to hear they're disbanding," he said.

"I want their political people to explain why there's a need for the UVF. It's no use just making a statement - the issue of victims won't go away."

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