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## Report says that families should have an apology

North Belfast News

By Aine McEntee

The relatives of the 15 men, women and children who suffered horrendous deaths in the McGurk's atrocity deserve an apology the HET said.

Long overdue

And while the families believe this is long overdue, the report fails to state clearly who they should receive the apology from.

The report also finds no evidence of collusion despite a wealth of information.

The daughter of James Smyth, Margaret McCready and her husband Tommy, said the report was hard to fathom.

"The HET say we the families deserve an apology but don't say who from. The media reports were completely wrong about the bomb. It was black propaganda," Tommy said.

"They say they don't have any evidence of collusion, but there is enough circumstantial evidence here to support that. To me this was collusion, there's no doubt in my mind."

The wife of Edward Kane, Bridget said the report raised more questions than answers for her.

Tiger

"I think the HET is a tiger without teeth. They can't compel or force anybody to take part in any enquiry. It's what the report doesn't say that stands out for me."

Patsy McNally son-in-law of Francis Bradley said he was disappointed.

IRA supporters

"At the time the people who died were regarded as IRA supporters, people said they were sorry about the bomb but discriminated against them too. I

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## Increase in pre-tax profit of 22.2 per cent for Andor

WEST Belfast-based firm Andor Technology has announced operating profits of £0.81 million for the six-month period until March 31. The company, which develops and manufactures high performance digital cameras for industrial and scientific use, released the interim results on Tuesday. The firm's turnover was up 10 per cent to £11.5million, operating profit was up 14.8 per cent to £0.81million, and profit before tax was up 22.2 per cent to £0.8million.



thought the report would have said the people were completely innocent because they were.”

Daughter of Kathleen Irvine Marie said her family “want an apology from the government to say the families were innocent.”

#### Fairytale

Sister Pat Irvine said the report read like a fairytale to her.

“This report exonerates the security forces, the RUC and the British Army. It doesn't exonerate the families, they don't say they were innocent,” she said.

“I wondering did they get any help from fiction author Roal Dahl on this because what they're basically saying my mother died because the army had to be taken off the streets to get their tea. It's just plain silly.”

Pacelli (Prescilla) Clarke, sister of Robert Charles Spotswood said she found the report very emotional but queried why so much evidence had been lost.

#### Missing

“How come all the evidence went missing? As it stands they can't prove anything without it. I don't think it's going to come to anything if they don't have that.”

## Property News

# Co-ownership tells buyers: 'Opt out or continue at your own risk'

More than 250 households stuck in the Co-ownership Housing Association's funding crisis can accept their registration fees back and quit the application process, or continue to wait for help, Belfast Property has learned.

