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Fight will continue

North Belfast News

The children of Kitty Irvine, just one of the many McGurk's Bar victims, said their fight to get at the truth behind who orchestrated the atrocity will go on.

Sam, Pat and Briega Irvine, while all agreeing that the government's apology was a huge milestone, restated their belief that collusion lies at the heart of the 1971 bombing.

"I wasn't overcome with emotion when I heard it because it's the truth after all," Sam said.

"These families were completely innocent. The fact is people high up in government freely took what the MOD were saying at face value and repeated the allegations that the IRA were to blame.

"What Paul Goggins was talking about in the Commons would today be called a subversion of justice. It must be fixed."

A recent report by the PSNI's cold case team in Lisburn, the Historical Enquiries Team (HET), found no evidence of collusion in the attack.

Nearly all of the families believe there was and a recent book, published under the pseudonym John Black has further supported this argument.

Pat Irvine said she was disappointed that the Security Minister used his apology to the families to heap praise on the HET and their report.

"I'm annoyed that he praised the HET to the highest heavens, because all of the stuff in their report came from the research we the families carried out. If he wants a better future for Northern Ireland like he said, let it built on a foundation of truth."

The Irvine family have written to the HET, Unionist peer Lord Kilclooney and the one person convicted over the bombing, Robert James Campbell for more details about the case.

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What housing slump?

Thousands of local buyers defied reports of a property market slump last week as they queued for a dream home in Northern Ireland's first eco-village. Lisburn's Brokerstown Village, a development of more than 1,000 energy efficient homes, was buzzing with interest from buyers at its two open days earlier this month. In fact, selling agent Ulster Property Sales estimated that more than 2,000 visitors have already flocked to the eco-friendly and ever so chic 'future-proof' properties, which offer 60 per

