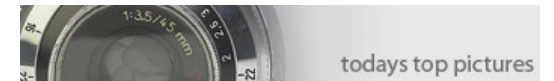


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## Brother's appeal calls for help in finding Disappeared man's remains

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THE brother of one of the Disappeared has told of how he will never give up hope of finding the dead man's remains as he marks the 30th anniversary.

Today Kieran Megraw is making a fresh appeal for information about his 23-year-old brother Brendan, who

went missing from his Twinbrook home on the outskirts of west Belfast in 1978.

Brendan Megraw was one of nine people to disappear, having been killed by the IRA.

The remains of only four have been recovered so far.

Kieran Megraw said his family still lived with the pain of losing his brother every day.

He wanted to find his brother's remains to bring him home and lay him to rest.

Brendan Megraw was last seen by his pregnant wife on Saturday April 8 1978.

He had spent the morning shopping with his mother Brigid in Belfast city centre before leaving to go home.

Kieran Megraw said his brother had been met by "eight or nine men" when he returned home.

"After a brief discussion Brendan said he would go with them and he told his wife he would be back," Kieran Megraw said.

"His wife phoned us to tell us Brendan was missing."

In May 1999 the Megraw family received information about him.

Details came to light on the same day that the Independent Commission for the Location of Victims' Remains was set up.

"The IRA issued a statement admitting they had taken him," Kieran Megraw said.

"We were told Brendan's remains were in Oristown in Co Meath.

"There have been two digs in 1999 and in 2000 and nothing was found."

Kieran Megraw said the disappearance of his brother had been "very painful" for the family.

He said there was also regret that his brother's remains had not been found before their mother died six years ago.

"You always have hope it can be resolved and the group of experts working on it is the best approach," he said.

"I would appeal to anyone who has any information to give it to the confidential phone number or post it.

"All the political parties are supporting the search. All we are concerned about is finding Brendan's remains."


Sandra Peake – chief executive of Wave, which supports individuals and families affected by the Troubles – backed Kieran Megraw's appeal.

"We are keen to urge anyone who can provide help or support to the commission to do so," she said.

Information about the remains of the Disappeared can be passed in confidence to the commission by calling 00800 5558 5500 or by writing to ICLVR, PO Box 10827, Dublin 2.

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