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IRA bomb victim hits out at tribute removal

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An IRA bomb victim has hit out at the removal from a fire station wall of a tribute to officers who helped in the aftermath of an explosion.

Jim Dixon, who suffered terrible injuries in the Remembrance Day massacre at a war memorial in Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh which killed 12 people, last night (Monday) also challenged whoever forced the picture to be taken down to meet him and explain their reasons.

Fire chiefs removed the image from display at the town's station following a complaint from a member of staff.

It was claimed the montage of poppies, victims and a black and white sketch showing the scene of the November 1987 explosion could breach equality laws.

But Mr Dixon (70), who still suffers searing pain from the serious head and facial injuries inflicted by the bomb, was appalled at the decision.

"It's despicable. The people there were innocent people that the IRA murdered. There's no grounds on any level that it can be connected to anything political."

Crews in Enniskillen have also been left stunned by the decision.

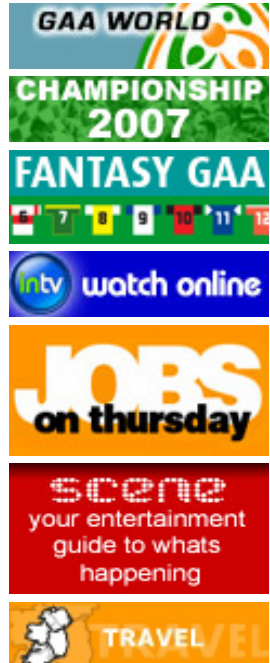
Arlene Foster, a Fermanagh and South Tyrone DUP minister at the assembly, has protested to chief fire officer Colin Lammey.

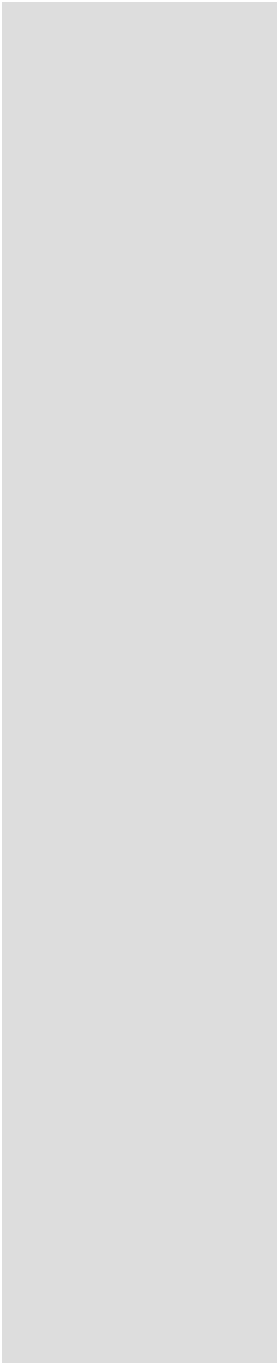
A spokesman for the fire and rescue service explained how it was based on guidelines from the Equality Commission designed to prevent tensions at work.

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