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Plea for truth on McGurk bomb

([Irish News](#))

The daughter of one of the victims of the McGurk's bar murder has called for the only man convicted for his part in the north Belfast attack to reveal the whole truth.

Yesterday (Monday) marked the 35th anniversary of the death of 15 people, including children, and the injury of 16 others when a bomb placed in the hallway of the North Queen Street bar by a UVF gang detonated.

Robert Campbell, a self-confessed UVF member, was given 16 life sentences for his involvement. He was the driver of the car but the actual bomber was never apprehended.

Pat Irvine, the daughter of victim Kathleen Irvine, has again called for Campbell to let victims' families know what happened that day.

"I have lived with it for 35 years but the total truth may help alleviate some of its hurt," she said.

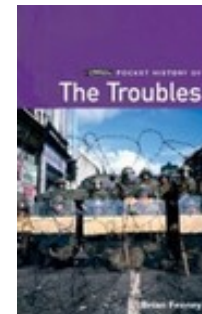
"Now again I ask you to tell me the whole truth and let me live out my days knowing that my mother's name and the names of all the other victims are cleared. You can do that to help clear your conscience and teach your children the truth. Let us all learn the true story of that fateful night," she said.

The attack was one of the deadliest of the Troubles and only the Omagh bomb claimed more lives in a single incident.

The Police Ombudsman's Office is carrying out a review of the first police investigation into the attack.

Relatives of those who died launched a website – www.themcgurksbarmassacre.com – to coincide with the anniversary.

Those who died were: Philomena McGurk (46), Marie McGurk (14), James Cromie (13), John Colton (49), Thomas McLaughlin (55), David Milligan (52), James Smyth (58), Francis Bradley (61), Thomas Kane (49), Kathleen Irvine (53), Philip Garry (75), Edward Kane (29), Edward Keenan (69), Sarah Keenan (58) and Robert Spotswood (38).



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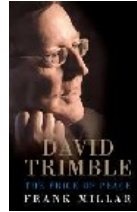
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