

# Justice for the Forgotten

The Organisation of Victims & Relatives seeking justice for the  
Dublin & Monaghan Bombings of 17th May 1974;  
and the Dublin Bombings of 1st December 1972 and 20th January 1973



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## THE BARRON REPORT ON THE MURDER OF SEAMUS LUDLOW

Justice for the Forgotten welcomes the publication of the Barron report into the murder of Seamus Ludlow on 2 May 1976. We sincerely hope it is of some assistance and comfort to his family as a first step in discovering the truth into the death of their loved one.

The report raises serious concerns not only for the Ludlow family but also for the families and survivors of the Dublin and Monaghan bombings, the Dublin bombings of 1972 and 1973, as well as the families of all the bombing and shooting victims of this State of incidents that occurred in the 1970s.

The disclosure that senior Gardaí gave a direction to the investigating officer to abandon plans to have the suspects interviewed outside the jurisdiction raises serious questions indeed. The 'only credible explanation' given to Judge Barron by the Gardaí that it was done to avoid a situation where Gardaí might feel obliged to reciprocate by allowing RUC officers to attend interviews of suspects in this State, does not hold water.

There were precedents for following such a course of action. For example, on 14 March 1973, a team of Garda officers interviewed three suspects in Belfast and a fourth in Derry on the following day, for the murder of Donegal couple, Oliver Boyce and Bríd Porter. Blood samples were also taken from three of these suspects.

We look forward to the public hearings before the Joint Oireachtas Committee in January 2006.

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