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Amnesty for killers is an insult, say victims

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VICTIMS of terrorism last night voiced their fury at the possibility of an amnesty for paramilitary killers. And they said they were more angry at the proposal than they were when prisoners got out of jail under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement.

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Police officers, relatives of terror victims and politicians voiced their dismay at the admission by the Consultative Group on the Past—which is chaired by Lord Eames and Denis Bradley – that it was considering an amnesty for terrorists and warned that it would give encouragement to dissident republicans.
North Belfast man Raymond McCord, whose son Raymond Jnr was murdered in November 1997 by the UVF, said: "It beggars belief that they can even contemplate it. "I would like to know why they are suggesting to have a different law for killers in Northern Ireland than they have in the rest of Great Britain

for Killers in Northern Ireland than they have in the rest of Great Britain and the Republic."

Alan Madill, whose father was severely maimed by republican terrorists, said it was "more than an insult" to those who had suffered in the Troubles to be told they would

the Troubles to be told uney would never see justice. "Letting out prisoners was bad enough, but to absolve them of all their crimes is beyond the pale," he said. See pages 6 and 7

BEYOND THE PALE': Alan Madill with a photograph of his father, the late Ernest Madill, who was severely malmed by republican terrorists



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