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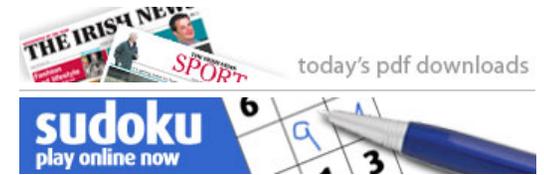
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## Full help needed with Disappeared

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Editorial

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While senior republicans have regularly offered sympathy to the families of the group known as the Disappeared, their support in most cases has yet to led to firm results.

Four bodies have thankfully been recovered to date, with the most recent breakthrough coming back in 2003, when mother-of-10 Jean McConville finally received a Christian burial, 31 years after being kidnapped and murdered by the IRA in horrific circumstances.

However, no trace whatsoever has been found of at least another nine victims who are all believed to have been buried at secret locations after being killed in the 1970s.

Landscapes may have changed – and some of those involved in the abductions could well themselves have subsequently died – but it is impossible to accept that all the knowledge that is available has been passed on to the appropriate sources.

The independent commission that is working to end the heartache of the relatives has said that fresh information is crucial if searches are to succeed so it is vital that it receives not just a verbal endorsement but the full and unreserved cooperation of all concerned.

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