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Disappeared must be found

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The BBC documentary on the murder of Captain Robert Nairac 30 years ago was significant because one of those involved openly accepted his role, spoke of his remorse and expressed the wish that the missing British soldier's body should be recovered.

It is thought to be the first time that an individual with direct knowledge about the fate of any of the group known as the Disappeared has taken such a stance.

While it is possible that a police investigation may follow the programme, it is highly unlikely that anyone will ever go to jail over the killing of Captain Nairac or any other of the Disappeared.

What is absolutely essential is that the missing bodies should all be located and returned to their relatives for a Christian burial, as has already happened in other cases.

The new twist in the story of Captain Nairac is complicated because the person who has volunteered the information, Terry McCormick, was apparently a republican sympathiser but not a member of the IRA and may not feel bound by that organisation's rules.

However, it is abundantly clear that other IRA figures hold vital details about the Disappeared which they have not forwarded through the channels which are readily available.

They must be either encouraged or instructed to end the suffering of the families of the victims once and for all.

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