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Report Launch Monday 29 April 2024 11am, St Comgall's Belfast 'Bitter Legacy: State Impunity in the Northern Ireland Conflict' Report of the International Expert Panel

You are invited to attend the launch of a report '*Bitter Legacy: State Impunity in the Northern Ireland Conflict*'. The event is scheduled to take place on Monday 29 April at *The Atrium Room, St Comgall's, Divis Street, Belfast, BT12 4AQ*, at 11:00 am -13:00.

Attendance is free. We would ask you to register at using this [Google Form](#).

Background the International Expert Panel

Following the introduction British Government's Legacy Bill [the International Expert Panel on Impunity was convened by the Norwegian Center for Human Rights](#) at the request of the Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ) and the Pat Finucane Centre (PFC).

The Panel of experts, consisting of academics, lawyers, human rights activists and former police officers, was tasked with providing an authoritative independent assessment of the extent to which there has been state impunity for human rights violations during the Northern Ireland conflict. The Panel, who were supported by student research teams, conducted seven study visits gathering testimonies, meeting families, lawyers, NGOs and officials and examining official documentary evidence. The Panel will present the findings from their Report.

Format

Introduction and Background: *Gisle Kvanvig, Panel Convener* (Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo).

The extent of impunity in relation to State Killings

- Maria José Guembe (Argentinian human rights lawyer)
- Kjell Erik Eriksen (Retired Detective Superintendent, NCHR)

Impunity and Torture

- Dr Aoife Duffy (University of Essex)

Impunity and Collusion

- Dr Brian Dooley (Human Rights First)

Q&A moderated by journalist Barry McCaffrey.

To gauge numbers please register on this [Google Form](#) (takes less than a minute) Tea, coffee and sandwiches will be provided. Any dietary requirements can be notified when registering).

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