

Women Relatives Ask For Your Support

AS THE TRAGEDY and sadness of death in Long Kesh continues, we, the women relatives of the hunger-strikers, call upon the women of Ireland to show their concern and humanity at this critical time in our history.

Throughout the past seven months we have suffered much as we have watched our loved ones die for five just and simple demands.

We are convinced that our grief is shared and felt by women in all of the thirty-two counties. Therefore we are appealing to you as women to show your solidarity with us women relatives, and to join with us now in supporting and ensuring that the prisoners' five demands are granted without further loss of life.

We call on you to participate in the cross-border women's march to mark the thirteenth anniversary of the first civil rights march.

Signed:-

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CROSS BORDER WOMEN'S MARCH

Assemble:

**1.30 p.m. Sunday 4th October
At Muff on Donegal/Derry border**

**March will join rally in Derry
Thirteenth anniversary of first Civil Rights march.**

October 5th 1981 - 13 years of struggle!

OCTOBER 5th 1968 will forever remain an historic date in the calendar of those struggling for freedom and justice in Ireland. For it was on that day thirteen years ago that the first major civil rights march was bludgeoned off the streets by the sectarian thugs of the RUC.

The Orange bigots at Stormont had given the go-ahead to their gunmen to smash the civil rights movement at its infancy. Between October 1968 and August 1969, the Unionist government tried many tactics to defuse the growing movement, and, when all else failed, they resorted to their time-worn method for keeping the 'Croppies' in place - the pogrom.

The pogrom of August '69 produced a new mood of resentment and militancy which within a few short years was to rock the sectarian state to its foundation. But such militancy also had its victims who were later to fill the internment camps, the prison ships and the torture centres. In January 1972 Derry's innocent dead littered the pavements of the Bogside as the British government laid the civil rights movement to rest.

In the years since then there has been no let up in British repression. It finds its contemporary expression in the hell-holes of Long Kesh and Armagh women's prison. The continuing resistance finds its own expression in the heroic struggle of the prisoners, ten of whom have died an agonising death on hunger-strike, their spirit unbroken.

Those who languish in the H-Blocks and Armagh are the inheritors of the struggle for justice which began on October 5th 1968. They are the children of '69 who refused to see their people suffer in silence.

Show your solidarity with them and all those who have suffered in the struggle for justice since 1968 by joining the mass demonstration in Derry on Saturday 4th October. Demonstrate the continuity of the struggle. Show your support for the hunger-strikers.

JOIN THE DERRY DEMONSTRATION

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

ALONG THE ROUTE OF THE ORIGINAL MARCH

VICTORY TO THE HUNGER-STRIKERS