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Hume unveils monument for victims of car bomb attack

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FORMER MEP and Nobel Peace Laureate John Hume yesterday unveiled a memorial in a border town for the victims of a car bomb attack in 1976.

Local authorities, in conjunction with the Remembrance Commission, decided to erect the memorial in the centre of Castleblayney, Co Monaghan, to commemorate victims of the attack on The Three Star Inn bar and night club, which claimed the life of one man and injured 17 others.

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Mr Hume was joined at the ceremony by Anna Mone-McEneaney, whose former husband, Patrick Mone, was killed by the bomb.

Mr Hume said the victim of the tragedy was unfortunately one of many innocent victims of a conflict in which they played no part.

He said the "loss of those who died in such circumstances could never be justified by any political motive, and while their loss could never be set right, it was important to know the people of Ireland shared their grief".

The 10-foot high monument, designed by Carlow-based artist Temco de Fouw, is erected on the town's Main Street, close to the pub which was targeted.

No-one was ever arrested for the attack which took place on March 7, 1976.

- *Jason O'Brien*

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