Families of UVF victims to meet NIO minister

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Families of six men shot dead in a Co Down pub by UVF gunmen in 1994 will meet a government minister next week.

Barney Green (87), Dan McCreanor (59), Adrian Rogan (34), Eamon Byrne (39), Malcolm Jenkinson (53) and Patsy O'Hare (35) were killed when two gunmen burst into the Heights Bar in Loughinisland in June as patrons watched a World Cup match.

The men's families will be accompanied by Sinn Féin assembly member Caitriona Ruane and party councillor Mickey Coogan when they meet NIO minister Paul Goggins on Monday.

In June last year the families said they had been "fobbed-off" in the original police investigation into the attack.

Ms Ruane, pictured, said the meeting would be "another stepping stone in the families' quest to find the truth".

"From 1994 to 2004 there were little or no information or updates from the RUC into the investigation and despite strong forensic leads and intelligence, no-one has even been charged with this atrocity," she said.

"Sinn Féin will continue to support the families in their campaign for the truth about what happened on that night 12 years ago."

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