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Funeral arrangements for 'Disappeared' pair found in Co Meath bog



A search for the 'Disappeared'

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The families of two men who were abducted, murdered and secretly buried by the IRA are making funeral arrangements after DNA tests were completed on their remains.

The bodies of Seamus Wright and Kevin McKee were recovered from a shallow grave on reclaimed bogland in June.

The remains came to light during a dig to find a third man – Joe Lynskey – who had been killed and “disappeared” by the Provisional IRA.

His remains have yet to be found.

The University of Ulster’s Conflict Archive on the Internet, which provides an extensive list of Troubles fatalities, records all three men as having been IRA members.

Tests on the uncovered remains have been ongoing during the summer, with the Independent Commission for the Location of Victims’ Remains (ICLVR) confirming they have been formally identified.

Sir Ken Bloomfield and Frank Murray, commissioners of the ICLVR, said the remains will be released to relatives in the coming days.

“The thoughts of everyone in the commission are with the Wright and McKee families at this difficult time,” they said.

Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later stage by the Wright and McKee families.

The two IRA victims were unearthed on a farm near Coghalstown, Co Meath, after lying undisturbed for about 40 years in a shallow grave, one body on top of the other.

The pair vanished from Belfast in October 1972.

When originally dug, the grave is thought to have been about one metre deep in the middle of a bog measuring at least 60,000 square metres.

It is only a few miles from where the body of Brendan Megraw was dug up last year.