



FACT FILE

**Let's know more about
Bloody Sunday 1972!**



While attempting to get the mortally wounded Jackie Duddy to safety, Catholic priest Edward Daly waved a blood-stained white handkerchief

On 30 January 1972, 26 unarmed citizens were shot by British soldiers during a protest march in Northern Ireland. The day is known as Bloody Sunday. For a long time, the government claimed that the soldiers were acting in self-defence, but an investigation found that this was not the case. Many individuals died: 13 were murdered outright, while another man died four months later due to his injuries. Many victims were shot while escaping the military, and others were shot while attempting to aid the injured.

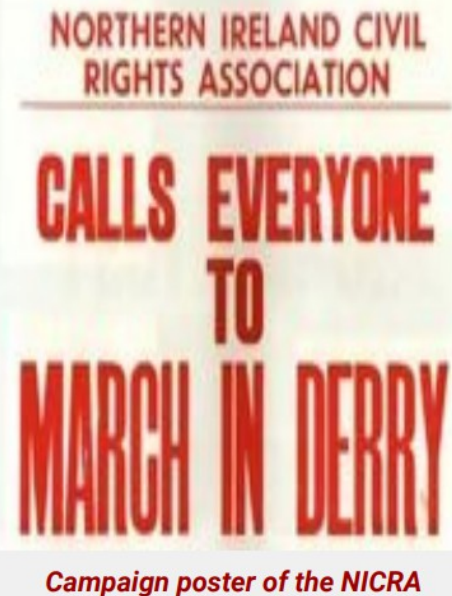
BACKGROUND: The Troubles



Political map of Ireland

Many Irish Nationalists and Catholics in Northern Ireland saw Derry City as the epitome of 'fifty years of Unionist misrule'. Despite having a nationalist majority, gerrymandering ensured that elections to the City Corporation always returned a unionist majority. The city was believed to be starved of public investment: highways were not extended to it, a university was established in the smaller Protestant-majority town of Coleraine rather than Derry and, most importantly, the city's housing stock was in disrepair.

In the late 1960s, Derry became a vital focus of the civil rights campaign spearheaded by organisations like the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association (NICRA). In August 1969, it was the site of the huge riot known as the Battle of the Bogside, which prompted the Northern Ireland administration to request military assistance. While many Catholics welcomed the British Army as a neutral force, as opposed to the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC), considered a sectarian police force, relations between the two quickly worsened.



Internment without trial was implemented on 9 August 1971 in response to growing levels of violence throughout Northern Ireland. Following the implementation of detention, there was widespread unrest in the region, with 21 people dead in three days of violence. In what became known as the Ballymurphy Massacre, troops from the Parachute Regiment shot and killed 11 people in Belfast. Bombardier Paul Challoner was shot by a sniper in the Creggan housing complex on 10 August, becoming the first soldier killed by the Irish Republican paramilitary force known as the Provisional Irish Republican Army (Provisional IRA) in Derry.



Badge of the Provisional IRA

1 DEFINITION. Based on your knowledge of the resource, give meaning to the following terms.

TERMS

IRA

BLOODY SUNDAY

NICRA

PROVISIONAL
IRA

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