

Dissident republicans target peace process

The *Real IRA* and *Continuity IRA* are among a number of dissident republican paramilitary groups opposed to the peace process which have carried out bomb and gun attacks on civilians and the security forces since republican and unionist parties agreed to share power in Northern Ireland



■ **1998, Apr:** *Good Friday Agreement* to establish power-sharing devolved administration signed

■ **Aug:** Car bomb in Omagh kills 29 people in worst single attack of conflict. *Real IRA* claims responsibility

■ **2000:** Missile attack on London HQ of British intelligence agency *MI6*

■ **2001:** Massive car bomb shakes *BBC Television Centre* in London

■ **2002:** Devolution suspended for fourth time in two years

■ **2005:** *IRA* declares end to armed campaign

■ **2007, May:** Devolved government restored

■ **Nov:** Shooting of two off-duty policemen seen as attempt to stop Catholics from joining *Police Service of Northern Ireland* – successor to Protestant-dominated *Royal Ulster Constabulary*

■ **2008:** Policeman seriously injured by booby-trap car bomb in Castlederg

■ **2009, Jan:** 300lb car bomb defused in Castlewellan. *Real IRA* blamed

■ **Mar 4:** Police chief *Sir Hugh Orde* says threat from republican splinter groups is highest for seven years