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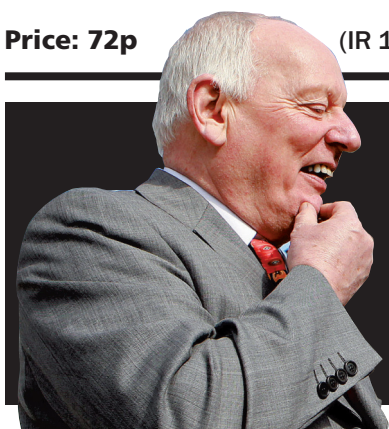
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Don't let Ronan's murder be in vain

Victim's mother pays tribute to 'a wonderful son and brother'

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THE mother of a Catholic police officer who was killed by a car bomb at the weekend has paid tribute to "a wonderful son and brother".

Nuala Kerr's 25-year-old son Ronan, pictured, was murdered as he set out for work from his Omagh home on Saturday afternoon.

But last night Mrs Kerr appealed to other Catholic officers to stand firm, urging: "Don't let his death be in vain."

Mrs Kerr and Ronan's brothers Cathair and Aaron and his sister Dairine paid tribute to him as "a wonderful son and brother who always had a smile and a helping hand for everyone".

They added: "He had all the

attributes of a great police officer – fair, empathetic, intelligent, humorous, a great communicator and loyal to all who knew him. And he just loved his work." Mrs Kerr appealed to the wider public for any information, "no matter how small", about the brutal murder.

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Shock at killing of mother, 52

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A SLEEPY Co Antrim village is in shock after the killing on Mothering Sunday of a 52-year-old mum.

And the victim's 33-year-old son has been arrested and is being questioned over her murder as well as the attempted murder of his brother.

Police were called to the house in the Rosburn Manor area of Connor at around 12.30pm yesterday lunchtime.

A 52-year-old woman was killed and her 31-year-old son was seriously injured. It is understood both suffered stab wounds.

A police spokesperson said the surviving victim was seriously injured but his life is not in any danger.

And last night a spokesperson for the Northern Trust said he had been taken to Antrim Area Hospital and his condition was described as "stable".

Yesterday the PSNI said they were still trying to establish the circumstances around what had happened.

TUV leader Jim Allister, who lives just outside the village, said: "Naturally, there is a sense of disbelief and deep shock arising from this tragic incident on Mother's Day."

"The housing development where the incident happened is a quiet and desirable area where murder would be the last thing you'd expect to encounter."

"Whereas the full circumstances are still unclear my thoughts and those of the entire neighbourhood are with the affected family who have been plunged into such grief and turmoil."

Local MP Ian Paisley Jnr said: "I am absolutely aghast and shocked. Turn to page 7

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