Anniversary is on 17th January

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Max Olorunda

SEFF remembers Abayomi (Max) Olorunda on the 39th anniversary of his murder, 17th January 1980. Max was murdered following the premature detonation of a Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) incendiary bomb aboard a Ballymena to Belfast passenger train service (known as the Dunmurry train explosion)

The blast engulfed a carriage of the train in flames, killing three and injuring five others.

Max was an Accountant by trade and a much loved and cherished family man. He married Strabane born Gabrielle and they had three children together.

Max was the first civilian from Africa and only Nigerian to have been murdered here as a consequence of the terror campaigns.

His daughter Jayne brought out a book entitled "legacy" which is a tribute to her father. The story is one of death, grief and surviving prejudice on Belfast's mean streets.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gabrielle, Jayne and her siblings.

The Olorunda's are valued SEFF members who have participated in a range of Projects over the years.