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Hunger-Strikers in Long Kesh Prison

The following Long Kesh prisoners died on hunger-strike:-

- (1) Bobby Sands (29) from Belfast who was serving two sentences of 14 years and 10 years for possession of firearms and ammunition with intent and in suspicious circumstances died on 5 May, 1981 the 66th day of his hunger-strike.
- (2) Francis Hughes (27) from Bellaghy Derry who was serving 6 concurrent sentences including a life sentence for murder and 20 years for causing an explosion died on 12 May 1981 the 59th day of his hunger-strike.
- (3) Raymond McCreesh (24) from Camlough, Co. Armagh who was serving 5 concurrent sentences including a sentence of 14 years for attempted murder and one of 10 years for conspiracy to murder died on 21 May, 1981 the 61st day of his hunger strike.
- (4) Patsy O'Hara (24) from Derry who was serving one sentence of 8 years for possession of a hand grenade died on 21 May, 1981, the 61st day of his hunger-strike.
- (5) Joe McDonnell (30) from Belfast who was serving 14 years for possession of a gun and who replaced Bobby Sands died on 8 July, 1981 the 61st day of his hunger strike..
- (6) Martin Hurson (27) from Co. Tyrone who was serving 20 years on membership, possession of explosives, causing explosions and conspiracy to kill charges and who replaced Brendan McLaughlin (29) who had abandoned his hunger strike on medical grounds died on 13 July, 1981 the 46th day of his hunger-strike.
- (7) Kevin Lynch, (25) from Derry, an INLA member serving 10 years for an armed raid and punishment shooting, died on 1 August, 1981 the 71st day of his hunger strike.
- (8) Kieran Doherty (25) from Belfast, serving 22 years for possession of fire arms, explosives offences and hi-jacking, and who replaced Raymond McCreesh died on 2 August 1981 the 73rd day of his hunger-strike.

(9) Thomas McElwee, (27) from Bellaghy, Co. Derry serving life imprisonment plus 20 years for manslaughter and 19 other charges involving explosives died on 8 August 1981 the 62nd day of his hunger strike.

(10) Michael Devine (27) from Derry a member of the INLA serving 12 years for possession of firearms and ammunition died on 20 August 1981 the 59th day of his fast.

The following Long Kesh prisoners ended their hunger strike on 3 October 1981.

(1) Pat Sheehan (23) from the Falls Road, Belfast a member of the IRA serving 15 years for causing an explosion in Belfast. He took Kieran Doherty's place and commenced hunger strike on 10 August, 1981.

(2) Jackie McMullen (25) from the Andersonstown district of West Belfast serving life imprisonment for possession of firearms and attempting to kill members of the RUC commenced hunger strike on 17 August. Replaced Thomas McElwee.

(3) Gerry Carville (25) from Greencastle, Co. Down a member of the IRA serving 14 years for possession of arms and ammunition and for incendiary attacks on 3 hotels and a public house. Commenced hunger-strike on 1 September.

(4) John Pickering (25) from Andersonstown Belfast member of the IRA serving 26 years on a number of charges including the killing of a member of the UDR. Commenced hunger strike on 7 September.

(5) Gerard Hodgins (21) from Turf Lodge, Belfast an IRA member serving 14 years for possessing a pistol. Commenced hunger-strike on 14 September.

The following Long Kesh prisoners came off the Hunger-Strike.

1. Brendan McLaughlin (29) abandoned his strike on medical grounds on 27 May, 1981.
2. Paddy Quinn (29) was taken off the hunger strike at his family's request on 31 July, 1981.
3. Pat McGeown (25) was taken off the hunger strike at his family's request on 20 August, 1981.
4. Matt Devlin (31) was taken off the hunger strike, at his family's request on 4 September, 1981.
5. Laurence McKeown (24) was taken off the hunger strike at his family's request on 6 September, 1981.
6. Bernard Fox (30) abandoned his strike on medical grounds on 25 September, 1981.
7. Liam McCloskey (25) abandoned his strike on 26 September, 1981.