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What the papers say Journalist Keith Baker takes a look at what is making the headlines in Monday's morning papers.

Several papers look ahead to the report of the Independent Monitoring Commission, which is due to be handed to the British and Irish governments on Monday.

It is the main story in the Irish Times. The headline declares: "IRA still gathering intelligence", although the paper reckons "the report will be generally positive".

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On the same theme, the **News Letter** says fuel giants, BP, Shell and Esso have pulled out of Northern Ireland as they no longer directly own filling stations.

This is because of "the impact of IRA money-laundering and fuel-smuggling", says the paper.

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Daily Ireland It says this kind of criminal activity will be mentioned in the IMC report.

It urges the government "to take a reality check into what is really happening in the paramilitary and criminal underworld" before committing itself to what it calls an unsustainable devolved administration.

Meanwhile, **Daily Ireland** has been talking to a senior member of Sinn Fein who says the IMC report should not be used as a block to political progress.

The source adds: "The IMC is outside of the Good Friday Agreement. It has absolutely no credibility and shouldn't even exist."

## 'Every mother's nightmare'

The Irish News has a front page picture of the many people who turned out on Sunday to search for young Holywood man Martin Kelly, who has not been seen since New Year's Eve.

There is an interview with his mother. She thinks the police should set up a dedicated missing persons unit.



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And she says it is every mother's nightmare if their child goes missing, no matter at what age.

**Daily Ireland** focusses on Sunday's events to mark the anniversary of Bloody Sunday.

The paper highlights the thoughts of Kay Duddy, whose brother was one of those shot dead in 1972.

She looks ahead to the report of the Saville Inquiry and says it "has the potential to be either a wave of hope or a sea of despair".

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Daily Telegraph

## The **Belfast Telegraph** has

more on the recent resignation of the Church of Ireland Bishop of Cashel and Ossory.

The paper says it has learned from "several well placed sources" that he quit because of a close relationship with a married woman in the area who is a Catholic.

The **Mirror's** lead story describes events at a Belfast poker club at the weekend when police raided the place and seized more than £50,000 worth of players' cash.

The angry gamblers are demanding their money back and have accused the police of "acting as if they were in a gangster movie".

One said: "We were playing cards, not robbing old ladies."

Among the cross-channel papers, the **Daily Telegraph** writes of millions of people being caught in Chancellor Gordon Brown's tax maze.

It says nearly four million people are "paying tax at the wrong rate". Many are paying too much, "while at the same time billions is going uncollected".

And the **Express** gives us the news that the British Retail Consortium is launching a campaign "to save our pinta".

Apparently they are deeply concerned that the standard pint of milk is to go and that it will be replaced by litres and half litres.

Not only that, but it seems that bakers are also complaining that the EU is going to muck about with the size of their loaves.

The **Express** is not impressed by any of this. Nor is the **Sun**. "Give the EU an inch", it says, "and it will take 1.6km".

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