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Pro-choice activists to fly abortion pills into N Ireland – by drone

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Pro-choice campaigners plan to fly abortion pills into Northern Ireland using a drone, for a group of non-pregnant women to swallow in protest at the province's strict abortion laws.

The "abortion drone," scheduled to fly over the Newry River next Tuesday, is being described by organizers as an "act of solidarity" between women in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic, where abortion is also illegal.

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Rita Harrold from Rosa, a pro-choice movement that is helping to coordinate the drone drop, told the Guardian: "The action is an act of solidarity from women in the south, where abortion is criminalized, with women in the north, where abortion is also criminalized and unfortunately there have been a number of prosecutions.

"We will be sending the drone over the border and bringing the pills into Northern Ireland to show women that they are still available and they are still safe."

A number of women who are not pregnant will swallow the mifepristone and misoprostol tablets, which have been approved for use by the World Health Organization since 2005.

"Obviously there have been prosecutions and the threat looms large, but the women who will be taking the pills won't be pregnant at the time," Harrold says.

Bernadette Smyth, from the antiabortion group Precious Life, told the Guardian: "I am currently seeking legal advice and may very well be in contact with the Police Service of Northern Ireland to ensure these pills will be confiscated and ensure they are not used to destroy the lives of unborn children.

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"These people are hell-bent on destroying lives, but we will be doing everything in our power, legally, to protect lives," she said.

Pro-choice campaigners also plan to take



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their protest to the gates of a Belfast high court, where an appeal is to be heard next Tuesday against a ruling which found that Northern Ireland's abortion laws breached human rights legislation.

In February, members of the Northern Irish Assembly voted against proposals to relax

the strict abortion laws, which would have allowed abortions in the case of fatal fetal abnormality and sexual crime.

Human rights groups slammed the decision, saying it "betrayed women and girls."

In Ireland and Northern Ireland, abortion is permitted if the mother's life is in danger.

In Northern Ireland, it is also allowed if there is a permanent or serious risk to a woman's mental or physical health. There the maximum penalty for inducing an abortion is life imprisonment.

In the rest of Britain, abortion is legal up to 24 weeks into pregnancy and can be carried out at a later stage if the mother's life is at risk or if there are indications the baby will suffer a serious injury.

Recently released statistics from the Department of Health say 833 women from Northern Ireland traveled to England and Wales to have abortions in 2015.

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ls this not the whole antithesis of the 'come-one-come-all' influx of immigrants argument! "We need the workforce" - "We don't have enough indigent labour to fill the job vacancies". Of course we don't - we've murdered them all in the womb. Over 8 million British citizens! That is why they say we have so many old people and not enough young people to pay their pensions. The wickedness of this law - of those who legislated for it, those who implement it and those who avail themselves of it. ... See more

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We are made in the image of God. God forgive us for what we continue to do. 8,000,000 babies aborted in UK up to 2013. For what?

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When I had nurses hands on me during my labour and at check ups. I could not bear it, thinking these are the same women who sponsor abortion pills, abortions and who have no love for my babies. I do not want God to forgive us any longer, not for this, not for everything.

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Only as we individually come in faith and repentance to Jesus Christ will we find any forgiveness for our sins. Our national sins require national repentance. Certainly no sign of that just now. I can fully sympathise with you re doctors and nurses involved in abortions. How can anyone deliver one child and then happily go and murder another! The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.

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I would also add that God will not be mocked. Eight million + babies murdered in UK up to 2013. Eight million migrants expected to our shores. See what God is doing in response to our individual and national sin.

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@BlueCocktail

Plenty of guns in northern ireland to shoot it down. The americans are trying to force ireland into making all types of abortion legal, the majority of the country don't want it. Interfering foreigners!

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@GoldCoffee

And who makes the abortion pills and would they have an interest in increasing their market share?

Would BIG PHARMA they ever be so deceitful? You can bet your life they would.

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@BlueCocktail

lieland has the youngest population in europe and the highest birth rate in europe. The rest of europe has an ageing population and has to important millions of foreigners. Obviously whatever the rest of europe is doing doesn't work. Family in Ireland is number 1 in Ireland and the majority of people against abortion in ireland are actually college students.

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Women must be allowed to have abortions...how can they be expected to carry babies for 9 months that they do not want?



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