



## Mountbatten killed in explosion

LONDON, Aug 27: Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Britain's last Viceroy in India, was killed in an explosion aboard his yacht of the Irish coast, today, apparently by a terrorist bomb, reports AFP.

Lord Mountbatten, his 15-year-old grandson Nicholas Brabourne and an Irish sailor, Paul Maxwell died aboard Lord Mountbatten's cabin cruiser when it was ripped by an explosion about five minutes after leaving the northwestern Irish port of Mullaghmore for a fishing trip.

Dublin police later announced that the "Irish National Liberation Army", a splinter group from the Irish Republican Army (IRA), had claimed responsibility for the blast.

Lord Mountbatten, who was 79, was supreme allied commander in South-East Asia in the Second World War and was a great grandson of Queen Victoria.

He had been on holiday in Ireland for the past three weeks, fishing and sailing.

A Dublin police spokesman told Reuters: It's much too early to say what the cause of the explosion was. But every possibility will be investigated including the possibility that it was deliberate. It was very close to the border with northern Ireland.

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Thatcher was immediately informed at her official country residence, Chequers, near London, her spokesman said.

There was no immediate indication of what caused the explosion.

Mullaghmore is 15 miles north of Sligo and close to the border with Northern Ireland.

### 7-DAY MOURNING IN INDIA

PTI from New Delhi adds: The Government of India today announced a seven-day mourning from tomorrow as a mark of respect to the memory of Lord Mountbatten.