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ON THE ROPES: Paul Hyland (centre) at the weigh-in for his fight last week and (circled) CAB target John Noonan with officals from the fight

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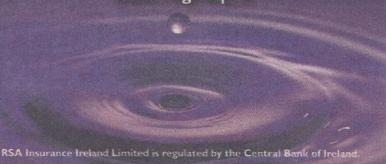
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PROVO godfather John Noonan peers over boxer Paul Hyland's shoulder at the weigh-in for last week's big European title fight - as he prepares to collect another fat pay cheque.

CAB target Noonan (57) who has recently filed for bankruptcy - is part of a four-man team who manage talented professional boxer Hyland.

Last Saturday, Hyland lost his fight for the vacant European super-bantamweight title to Limerick's Willie 'Big Bang'

The high-profile clash was shown live on RTE television and was sponsored by Hunky Dorys in association

with Brian Peters Promotions.

However, pals of gun victim
Robert Delany have blasted RTE
chiefs for, indirectly, handing over
cash to ex-IRA godfather Noonan.

Bidsted

In September, Noonan was arrested in connection with the brutal attempted murder of innocent post-

The dad-of-two - who had no involvement in crime - was blasted in the head when he looked out the window of his apartment in Tallaght, Dublin, in October 2008. It is believed the

postal worker was targeted because he was involved in a minor row with a close associate of Noonan's.

Detectives questioned the ex-Provo hardman about his involvement in hiring killer Daniel Gaynor to shoot tragic Robert.

Last night, a pal of Robert's claimed that respectable companies should not hand over

GUNNED DOWN: Murder suspect Daniel Gaynor



HARDMAN: Noonan and Hyland on RTE and (inset) Robert Delany

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cash to Noonan. He said: "This is another attempt by Noonan to get a badge of respectability to cover up his other activities.

"There should be no hiding places for people like Noonan and it is a shame that reputable companies and organisations have become unwittingly involved with him through their sponsorship of this event."

In recent In recent years, Noonan has made his living providing security for stars including Bono, Hollywood actress Kate Blanchett and Jonathan Rhys Myers. Despite his appearance respectable business-man, the

convicted terror chief has links with notorious figures in Dublin's under-

In 2007, Noonan hit the headlines after he was landed with a massive

Assets Bureau (CAB).

The judgement came following an investigation into the assets of slain drug baron Martin 'Marlo' Hyland.

Godfather

CAB officers discovered that the crime godfather had used the names of his associates to buy a number of

properties in Dublin and Bulgaria.
When contacted by the Sunday
World this week, RTE, Hunky Dorys and Brian Peters Promotions all refused to comment on Noonan's involvement in the fight.

Gardai believe hitman-for-hire Daniel Gaynor accepted a contract to shoot tragic Robert.

Mobster Gaynor (25), who is a suspect in four murders, was himself found gunned down near his home in Finglas last month.

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