

Bomb attack on bar

CUSTOMERS in a Belfast pub last night sipped on their drinks — unaware of a terrorist attack on the premises.

A holdall containing 200 grams of explosives was hung on the door of the Trocadero Bar in the Markets area of the city shortly before 10pm.

But although the noise of the explosion alerted people living in the area, soundproofing in the pub and the noise of the juke-box inside meant customers heard nothing.

No-one was injured in the attack on the Cromac Street premises.

Several people were suffering from shock but none needed hospital treatment.

There were six people in the bar, in a mainly Catholic part of Belfast, at the time of the explosion.

Last night's bomb attack is thought to have been a loyalist response to a spate of IRA bombs in Protestant pubs throughout the city earlier this week.