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For more than six months, a battle has raged inside and outside the courts over the future of a small slaughterhouse in Co Donegal.

Toxic debts linked to one business have led to allegations of threats of violence, jobs on the line, and the ongoing occupation of an abattoir that the state seems powerless to stop.

But where will it end?

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THE SIEGE OF LIFFORD



By **Jack Horgan-Jones**

Edenmore Farm Meats is at the bloodiest end of an already bloody industry. Inside the walls of this small factory in Lifford, Co Donegal, cattle are destroyed, skinned, disembowelled and boned. Then they are sent to butchers around the country, and further afield. It has been that way at Edenmore for almost 20 years. It is a good plant: the cattle are treated humanely, according to industry standards. At its peak, up to 500 farmers a month would send cattle to the plant for slaughter.

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