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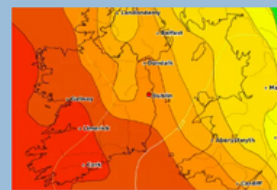
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Pictured: Man had ear bitten off by thugs during vile racist attack

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A man who had his ear bitten off by thugs desperately held on to it hoping surgeons could stitch it back on.

But doctors at [Dublin's Mater Hospital](#) were unable to reattach Milan Hosek's organ as it was so badly damaged.

The shocking drama was captured in a new four-part [RTE](#) documentary series, Trauma, which follows the work of emergency medical teams at four Irish hospitals.

Polish father of two Milan, 31, who runs a bike shop on the Quays in [Dublin City centre](#), is seen covered in blood explaining to Dr Sinead McArdle how he got attacked by jobs.



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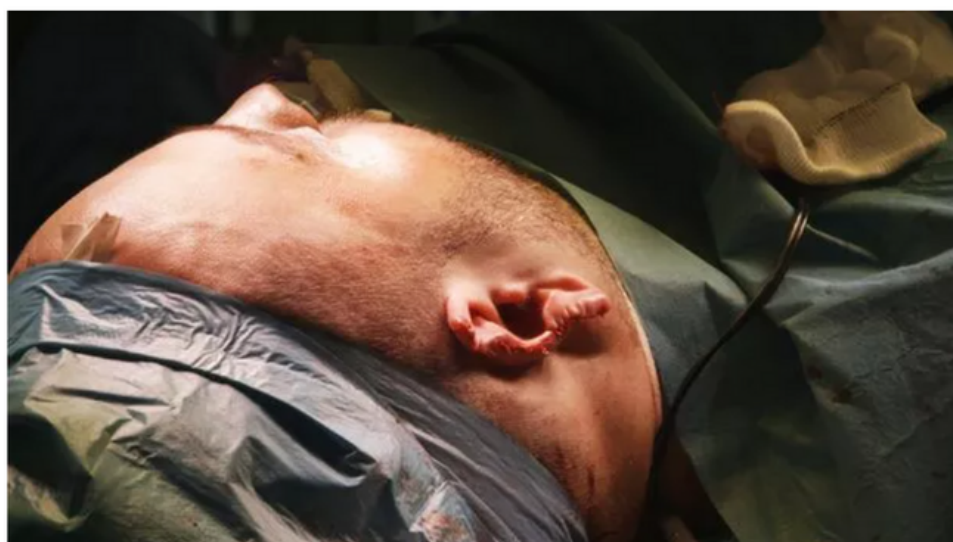
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But plastic surgeon Cormac Joyce said it was impossible to salvage. But he operates on Milan to seal up the wound.

"I see a lot of glass to the face [injuries]. Nothing really surprises me any more," said the surgeon.

A&E Dr McArdle said: "We often see bite marks and defence marks on hands, and then kicks and blows to the head, but to actually remove a part of someone's body and the force required to take off part of an ear is unusual.

"He will always have a reminder of what happened to him. He will always have a permanent defect and that is quite difficult.

"Some people need ongoing counselling, some people suffer from flashbacks, post-traumatic stress disorder.

"My intervention was small but he has a long recovery process."

Milan said: "People come and push the bikes over and try to pick a fight. We are used to it.

"When it happened I thought I could have been stabbed. I have two little girls and want to enjoy them.

"I hope I can bring a lot to their lives even without an ear. I think they prefer a father without an ear than no father."


- Trauma is RTE 2 on Thursday at 9.30pm.


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