

The mother of an Asian tsunami victim, who was finally identified nine months after the disaster, said yesterday that she had never given up hope that her daughter had survived. It will reveal that all the British victims in Sri Lanka have been identified, while the number of unidentified victims in Thailand is down to "single figures". A forensic expert, Prof Sue Black, who features in the programme, said: "The longer between incident and identification the more difficult it becomes." "My gorgeous girl has at last come home, and this gives me relief. She died alongside the love of her life, and we miss them both terribly. Mr and Mrs McLeish, of Sheffield, were on holiday on Phi Phi, an island off the Thai coast. They had originally chosen to go to New Zealand but changed their plans at the last minute. The body of Mr McLeish, who ran a design company, was washed up on the beach shortly after the disaster. Mrs Bell, from the village of Legbourne, Lincs, said they had never received any information about their daughter, a food technologist, and had even flown to the area to search for her. She said: "They were adventurous, fit and so full of life. Sandra Bell was given the news after living with the uncertainty of not knowing what happened to newlywed Natalie McLeish, 28, since the Boxing Day catastrophe. It's the families of those victims who suffer terribly