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### Stalker-Sampson reports available to chief coroner

Files re-opened

Northern Ireland's chief coroner is to see top secret reports into the killings of six unarmed

Republicans and a teenager which led to allegations the security forces were operating a shoot to kill policy.

John Leckey is to begin reading the Stalker-Sampson reports next month.

In Armagh in 1982, the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) found itself involved in some of the most controversial killings of the troubles. Eugene Toman, Gervaise McKerr and Sean Burns died when police officers fired one hundred and nine bullets into their car.

In the same year, Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) men Roddy Carroll and Seamus Grew were also shot dead, as was teenager Michael Tighe.

In 1994 inquests into their deaths were abandoned after the coroner was refused access to the Stalker Sampson reports into allegations of shoot to kill.

John Leckey has now been told he can read the reports but he will not be allowed to disclose their contents to anyone without the agreement of the Chief Constable.

Families of the dead men have hailed the news as a positive development.

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