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Adams addresses rally

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Truth Rally addressed by Adams

A marcher dressed as a police officer stood behind Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams as he demanded full disclosure of any state role in

murders and collusion during the Troubles.

Thousands of supporters responded to Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams' call to march in Belfast in a bid to force Britain to acknowledge its involvement.

He told demonstrators gathered outside City Hall that the black ribbon symbol of the March for Truth Rally was being worn in an act of solidarity with all victims, their families and campaign groups.

The West Belfast MP declared: "It also sends a clear message to the British state that we are determined to pursue the truth.

"We are determined to campaign even though it may take a long time, until the British state acknowledges its administrative and institutional use of state violence and collusion.

"The reality, of course, is that everyone knows that these tactics were employed by the British.

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"In quiet moments British Ministers will privately admit some of this.

"You the families, and the people who suffered directly from it know the truth. But the British government has never acknowledged it.

"On the contrary, they have employed the full weight of their political influence and authority to deny, cover-up and suppress the truth."

Amid the street theatre atmosphere, marchers dressed as soldiers and police officers to emphasis their role as combatants throughout the Troubles.

Placards bearing the names of all those killed were held aloft, while others carried coffins along the route.

Mr Adams insisted that the British government cannot have a role in setting up any process to uncover the truth.

"It must be independent," he said.

"One way of achieving independence is to have an international inquiry.

"The United Nations or another reputable agency must be involved.

"One of the objectives of such an independent, international process would be to agree protocols and modalities which all relevant parties could sign up for."

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