



Murdered Paul Quinn

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Assembly debates Quinn murder

Republicans today faced fresh demands to disband the IRA Army Council in the wake of the murder last autumn of Northern Ireland man Paul Quinn.

The call was issued by Democratic Unionist MP Jeffrey Donaldson during a Stormont Assembly debate which saw Sinn Fein minister Conor Murphy stand by his assessment that no members of the Provisional IRA were involved in the brutal beating of the 21-year-old south Armagh man in isolated farm buildings in the Irish Republic last October.

MLAs backed a four-part motion condemning the murder, demanding full co-operation with the police investigation on both sides of the border, noting suggestions from the Independent Monitoring Commission and Northern Ireland police chief Sir Hugh Orde that members of the IRA may have been involved and denying Mr Quinn was involved in criminality. During a sombre debate watched by Mr Quinn's family in the public gallery, nationalist SDLP Assembly member Dominic Bradley lambasted republicans for claiming Mr Quinn was the victim of a dispute between criminals.

And there was also a warning from Democratic Unionist MP Gregory Campbell that if it emerged members of Sinn Fein were withholding information on the murder, it could spark a serious political crisis.

Mr Donaldson told the Assembly: "As I have said publicly, and my party has stated clearly, if, in the fullness in time it becomes clear and apparent the IRA were involved in this murder, that the IRA were involved in sanctioning this murder, then we will not turn our backs on the consequences of that.

"That is why it is important that this issue is dealt with. It is important that the IRA finishes the business that we were told would be finished, when Gerry Adams said the Army Council would be dealt with to the satisfaction of everyone.

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On 19 Feb at 19:33 - OldSod from Fermanagh said:

Northern Ireland,... one of the few places in the world where we need to hold a debate in order to condemn a young man being beaten to death by criminals and urge members of the public to come forward with information. I think thats a poor reflection on us, that we even had to debate this.

On 19 Feb at 21:08 - Steven from Edinburgh said:

When Mr Donaldson said, "Gerry Adams said the Army Council would be dealt with to the satisfaction of everyone", when exactly did Adams say this? If anyone knows, please add a comment letting us know.

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