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Adams denies IRA involved in murder

Republicans not involved

Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams today claimed criminals and not republicans were behind the murder of a 21-year-old Co Armagh man which has cast a new shadow over the future of the Stormont power-sharing executive.

Following warnings from Ian Paisley`s Democratic Unionists and the Ulster Unionists today about the political ramifications if claims that Paul Quinn was beaten to death by the Provisional IRA are proven, Mr Adams said he believed it may have been linked to fuel smuggling.

And the West Belfast MP also urged anyone with information about the savage killing in Co Monaghan to give it to the police on both sides of the border.

"There is no republican involvement whatsoever in this man`s murder," he said.

"The people involved are criminals. They need to be brought to justice and it is fairly obvious to me that this is linked to fuel smuggling and to criminal activity."

The family of Mr Quinn, from Cullyhanna, have alleged he was lured over the border and beaten to death at farm buildings in Castleblayney, Co Monaghan, by an IRA gang following a dispute with south Armagh republicans.

He died in hospital a short time later.

In a statement the family said: "We believe that he was abducted by the Provisional movement and beaten to death."

Following calls from independent unionist MEP Jim Allister for no equivocation between the actions of individual IRA members and the organisation, senior Democratic Unionist and Ulster Unionist members, whose parties have been sharing power with Sinn Fein since May,

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expressed unease about the murder.

Democratic Unionist MP Jeffrey Donaldson said: "Clearly, if the IRA has been involved in some way in the murder of Mr Quinn then that will have very serious consequences in terms of the political process.

"The DUP will be giving this matter urgent attention and will be seeking to obtain from the police information that is needed about the circumstances and background to the murder of Mr Quinn."

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On 22 Oct at 12:10 - AI from belfast said:

my deepest sympathy to his dear family, those who carried out this brutal murder need brought to justice, this reminds of the murder of robert mccartney,

On 22 Oct at 12:20 - Paul from Belfast said:

So if an Orangeman commits a crime, does that mean that the entire Orange Order is to blame? In the bad days when there were riots associated with contentious parades no one would say that the entire Order was to blame for the trouble.

On 22 Oct at 12:25 - Tired from Here said:

I wonder if the same unionist unrest would happen if it was linked to the UDA or UVF? Oops forgot, who am I kidding!

On 22 Oct at 12:45 - Francis Blair from Newry said:

Jeffrey Donaldson isn't fooling anyone. He, and his party are all too cosy with Sinn Fein. All they really care about is their big fat salaries and expenses and they will find out what the public think of them at the next election. They are pulling the wool over no-one but themselves.

On 22 Oct at 13:44 - weary from history repeating itself said:

I suppose it depends on whether these thugs believed they were working under some sort of authority, and if so, what? Recent developments in Belfast and Monaghan have not made me think that the curse of paramilitary thuggery has been addressed, or that there are enough politicians to stand up to them. The DUP and SF have cosied up to halt Margaret Ritchie's stance, but would Margaret Ritchie's party support sanctions against SF if these thugs turn out to be likely to be provos? No-one who supported the Good Friday/St Andrews agreement should be surprised at the way your vote has been used. And there will be more to come.

On 22 Oct at 13:50 - weary from walking the walk said:

And Paul your whataboutery logic is flawed. The Orange Order was not an organisation designed to assassinate, bomb, murder and maim. the IRA was/is.as for responsibility. The Orange Order was widely castigated by the government and nationalists who demanded that it should 'enter into dialogue' with residents groups and the like to prevent violence. No doubt you would have been amongst them.

On 22 Oct at 14:48 - Paul from Toronto said:

This is very sad.I hope it does not have any bearing on the struggle for peace.Maybe if the MLA's spent more time looking at the +'s of this assembly instead of pointing fingers at each other we might just find a solution to help stop these horrific crimes.

On 22 Oct at 15:09 - Man from Ballymena said:

Paul, Orangemen are not terrorist, IRA members are. Somewhat of a different.

On 22 Oct at 15:18 - Claire from Belfast said:

To Man from Ballymena, does that make a member of the Orange Order any less accountable if he/she commits an act of violence?

On 22 Oct at 15:33 - OBSERVER from NW said:

The perpetrators of this atrocious crime must be apprehended and dealt with. Anyone with knowledge to the authors of this crime should make that knowledge available to the proper agencies. On the other hand, any attempt to use this incident as an excuse to dissolve the current structures is both wrong-headed and myopic in the extreme.

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