



Gibraltar claims

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Adams makes Gibraltar claims

The three IRA members shot dead by the SAS in Gibraltar were gunned down after the Irish government passed on information about their movements, Gerry Adams claimed today.

Mairead Farrell, 31, Danny McCann, 30 and Sean Savage, 23, all from west Belfast, were shot by undercover soldiers as they prepared to launch a car bomb attack on troops based on The Rock almost 20 years ago.

It was claimed the three had been under surveillance by British intelligence and the authorities in Spain who monitored their movements as they crossed the border into Gibraltar, apparently after leaving Ireland on a flight out of Dublin. All three were unarmed when they were shot and later a car with 140lbs of explosives was found.

The late Charles Haughey was the Taoiseach at the time with the late Brian Lenihan as his foreign minister. Margaret Thatcher was in power at Downing St.

Mr Adams said today: "It is my strong view that the killings in Gibraltar were authorised by Margaret Thatcher, and it is my strong view that the Irish government of the day passed information to the authorities about the movements of those killed.




"I cannot prove that, but that it my conviction."

Sinn Fein is planning a series of events to commemorate the deaths of the three as well as four killings which followed back in Belfast in the days which followed - an IRA man Kevin McCracken, 31, shot dead by British soldiers in Turf Lodge, and the three mourners killed by loyalist Michael Stone when he launched a gun and grenade attack at the Milltown Cemetery funerals of the Gibraltar victims.

The ruling body of the Northern Ireland Assembly is to decide whether an

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international women`s day event organised by Sinn Fein MLA Jennifer McCann, commemorating Mairead Farrell will go ahead inside Parliament Buildings.

It will also make a decision on a request by Democratic Unionist MP Jeffrey Donaldson who has proposed an event in the Long Gallery to acknowledge the work of the SAS.

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They got the same warnings as the IRA gave the security forces. None!

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sorry if i'm politically incorrect but these folks aint ever going to be my heroes and you can take that back 40 years.

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