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RUC murders to be re-examined

The deaths of three policemen killed by an IRA landmine are set to be re-examined after new evidence was uncovered in a classified report.

Murders to be re-examined

A coroner in Belfast has requested that fresh inquests are held into the killings of RUC officers John Quinn, Allan McCloy and Paul Hamilton near Lurgan in October 1982.

The three died instantly when a remotely detonated bomb buried in a roadside culvert exploded as they passed in their armoured police car.

Coroner John Leckey said confidential reports he had seen contained significant information that was not available when an original inquest into the deaths was held in 1983.



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He was given permission to view the documents as part of his probe into six alleged "shoot-to-kill" operations carried out by the RUC in the Co Armagh area in the weeks after the murders of the three officers.

The top secret reports were compiled by former Greater Manchester Police Deputy Chief Constable John Stalker and Sir Colin Sampson of the West Yorkshire Police.

Mr Leckey said while he did not have the power to establish new inquests he would be asking the Attorney General to do so.

"I will ask him to direct that new inquests are held on the basis of the additional and new evidence," he said.

In 1984, Mr Stalker was commissioned to conduct an external investigation into six RUC shootings after claims that the officers involved had deliberately set out to kill.

Mr Leckey has requested that Chief Constable Sir Hugh Orde now release the Sampson and Stalker reports to the court so that inquests into the six killings can finally get under way after years of delay.

Sir Hugh is currently assessing whether or not to reclassify the reports from their current respective status of "secret" and "top secret".

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