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Hundreds attend vigils to show support for families

By Ashleigh McDonald
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The people of Northern Ireland have once again shown their solidarity by attending two peace vigils.

Several hundred people attended two weekend vigils — one held at Massereene Barracks in Antrim and another in Limavady.

Councillor Brenda Chivers, mayor of Limavady Borough Council, said the vigil was to show support for both the families of the three men murdered and for the peace process.



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The Sinn Fein mayor and local clergy were joined by around 200 people — many of whom signed a book of condolence.

Ms Chivers said: "People from different faiths and different traditions stood shoulder to shoulder yesterday in an act of solidarity.

"The mood was understandably sombre but people came out to show support for the loved ones of those killed and to show their support for peace."

Men, women and children also attended a vigil outside Massereene barracks where soldiers Patrick Azimkar and Mark Quinsey were shot dead as they collected a pizza delivery.

Hundreds of floral tributes left in honour of the two men line the footpath outside the barracks.

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