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Two brothers were yesterday sent for trial on charges of murdering an alleged UDA chief during a loyalist paramilitary feud eight years ago.

Social worker David Stewart (38) and Robert Stewart (34) are each accused of shooting Tommy English in front of his wife.

The pair, both from Newtownabbey on the northern outskirts of Belfast, also face charges of being members of the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force for more than a decade.

Relatives of the victim were in Belfast Magistrates Court yesterday as prosecutors were granted an application to have them returned to the Crown Court at a later date.

Both David Stewart, of Ballyearl Crescent, and his brother Robert, from

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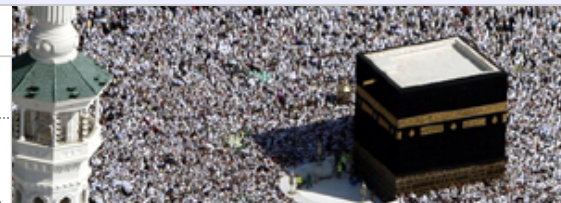
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What are these?

Their case was the first to be brought to court by the Historical Enquiries Team (HET), a specialist unit set up to investigate unsolved murders from the Northern Ireland Troubles.

English (40) was gunned down at his home on the Ballyduff Estate, Newtownabbey, on Halloween night in 2000.

His killing was part of a row between rival UDA and UVF factions which claimed seven lives. English had been a member of a loyalist delegation which took part in talks at Stormont prior to the signing of the Good Friday Agreement in 1998.

Following his murder he received a full paramilitary funeral. \[Prestige\]Story 'murdercom' fetched from queue '\BELFAST\WIRE\NewsLink' on 11/12/2008 16:24:27

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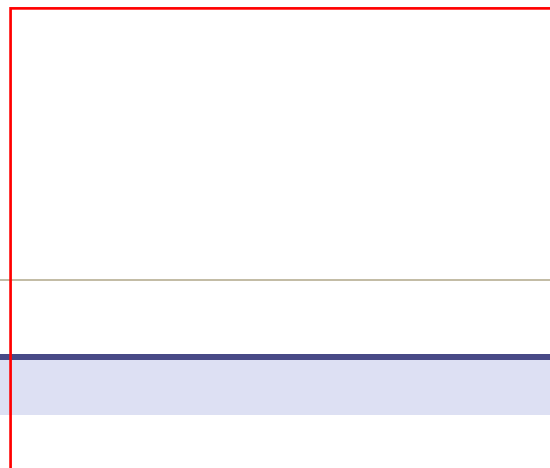


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