



INTERACTIVE
CRIME MAP OF
NORTHERN
IRELAND: EVERY
CRIME IN YOUR
AREA

DISCOVERY 3
NOW WITH UP TO £7500 OFF

▶ TEST DRIVE ▶ BROCHURE ▶ DEALER



TERMS AND
CONDITIONS
**LAND-
ROVER**
GO BEYOND

[News](#) [Sport](#) [Business](#) [Opinion](#) [Life & Style](#) [Entertainment](#) [Jobs](#) [Cars](#) [Homes](#) [Classified](#)

[Local & National](#) [World](#) [Politics](#) [Property](#) [Health](#) [Education](#) [Business](#) [Environment](#) [Technology](#) [Video](#) [Family Notices](#) [Crime Map](#) [Sunday Life](#) [The CT](#)

The digital gateway to Northern Ireland news, sport, business, entertainment and opinion

[Home](#) > [News](#) > [Local & National](#)

Republican dissidents say shootings were 'an act of war'

Friday, 27 March 2009

The shootings of two soldiers and a policeman in Northern Ireland were an act of war, hardline republicans have said.

At a press conference in west Belfast yesterday, Richard Walsh, a spokesman for the Continuity IRA-aligned Republican Sinn Fein, also attacked Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness.

While admitting the "deaths" of Sappers Patrick Azimkar, Mark Quinsey and Constable Stephen Carroll were "regrettable", he claimed dissident republicans "made no apology" for "defending" themselves.

"It is regrettable that anyone has to lose their life but the reality is that when you have occupation within a country there is invariably resistance, including armed resistance," he said.

Mr Walsh, who was flanked by Josephine Hayden, a former Continuity IRA prisoner who was convicted in connection to an arms find nine years ago in the Republic, also called for the immediate release of suspects still being questioned about the security forces murders.

Meanwhile, yesterday a 21-year-old man appeared in court accused of withholding information in relation to the murder of Constable Carroll.

The officer was shot dead as he answered a call in Craigavon on March 9 — just days after the two soldiers were gunned down at Massereene army barracks.

The man accused appeared at Lisburn Magistrates' Court yesterday afternoon amid a heavy police presence in the city.

Several police officers stood in the courtroom while members of the PSNI Tactical Support Unit, of which Constable Carroll was a member, patrolled the lobby of the court building.

The accused, wearing a royal blue sweatshirt and dark-coloured trousers, appeared pale and waved at two people sitting in the public gallery as he was led into court.

One of the people he waved at put his head in his hands as the charge was read to the accused, who was remanded in custody to appear via videolink at Craigavon Magistrates' Court next month.

Reporting restrictions were imposed on the case and no further details about the hearing can be published.

A 17-year-old youth and former Sinn Fein councillor Brendan McConville (37) have already been remanded in custody charged with murder.

Also in this section

- Uproar at republican's remarks over murders
- Murder charge Duffy in hunger strike vow
- Royal ban on Catholics may be reformed
- Care home is saved in dramatic U-turn
- 'Downshifting' to cheap brands on the increase

Related Articles

[PSNI charge Duffy with murders of two soldiers](#)

[Print](#) [Email](#)

Search [Go](#)

Bookmark & Share

[Digg It](#) [del.icio.us](#)

[Facebook](#) [Stumbleupon](#)

What are these?

Change font size: [A](#) [A](#) [A](#)

In Pictures: Fashion & Showbiz



Spring and Summer Fashion Show, Belfast

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

FREELANDER 2

NOW WITH UP TO
£5000 OFF



▶ BOOK A TEST DRIVE NOW
▶ REQUEST A BROCHURE
▶ LOCATE YOUR DEALER

LAND-
ROVER
GO BEYOND

DISCOVERY 3

NOW WITH UP
TO £7500 OFF

▶ BOOK A TEST
DRIVE NOW

▶ REQUEST A
BROCHURE

▶ LOCATE YOUR
DEALER



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Results by

[US SPAS DIRECT](#)

Leading Supplier Of Luxury Hot Tubs Gazebo's Sauna's & Swim Spa's In N. Ireland
[Hot Tubs & Spas](#)

[Happy Days Day Nursery](#)

Family Run Day Care Nursery Where Children Feel At Home & Look Forward To Going To Each Day.

[Day Nurseries](#)

[nibc Ltd.](#)

Northern Ireland Business Communications Corporate Mobile Solutions, Fleet Management Solutions
[Mobile Phones & Accessories](#)

[GLAMOUR](#)

Specialising In Ladies Shoes, Handbags, Hats & Accessories

[Shoe Shops](#)

[Cycleology](#)

Leading supplier of top quality bicycles, well known brands, expert advice.

[Cycle Shops & Repairs](#)

VIOLENCE RETURNS

BOOK OF CONDOLENCE: Victims of terror
Two guns found near murder scene
Plans for military parade in Belfast halted
PSNI quiz nine over dissident murders
Hundreds attend vigils to show support for families
Only 300 dissidents but they are a danger: Orde
Rioters pelt police after murder suspect arrests
Republicans and unionists side by side at funeral
Police hunt for bomb in bid to stop Real IRA attack
Bodies of murdered soldiers flown home
Loyalist praises McGuinness but warns of 'Real UDA'
Thousands attend peace vigils
PSNI widow: They've taken my life
Patrick Azimkar: A fun-loving friend to all
Mark Quinsey : A charismatic young soldier

You know you're from Belfast when . .



-isms: 'Yous should click here - it's class like'

Northern Ireland Troubles Gallery



Holy Cross Primary School protests

In Pictures: Northern Ireland

Nightlife



Had a big night out? [Click here to send us your pics](#)

In Pictures: Fashion & Showbiz



Spring and Summer Fashion Show, Belfast

In Pictures: All Our Yesterdays



Most popular

1. Model son of scandal priest says: I'm happy to be in the public eye
2. In Pictures: You know you're from Belfast when . . .
3. The 50 Best Computers and Gadgets
4. In Pictures: Funny football chants
5. Mystery solved of elephant in Belfast back yard
6. PSNI charge Duffy with murders of two soldiers
7. Death threat to Celtic star Boruc before Windsor game
8. Natasha's organs are donated as Liam remains 'inconsolable'
9. Methody seeing double
10. Murder charge Duffy in hunger strike vow **NEW**

Results by

[Calvert Office Equipment Ltd](#)

Canon, Kyocera, Photocopier, Printer, Ricoh, Konica Minolta, Scanner, Fax, Risograph
Photocopiers

[Precision Industrial Services](#)

Property Utility & Environmental Solutions
Cleaning - Commercial

[John Hunter Glazing](#)

Belfast Glaziers
Glaziers

[ABC Locks NI](#)

24 Hour Emergency Local Locksmith, Reliable & Professional Service
Locksmiths

[Dial-A-Bus](#)

Corporate luxury coach hire company, chauffeur driven limousines, extensive luxury fleet
Coach Hire

[Go](#) **Advanced Search** ▶

