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## Massacre families meet with Donaldson

Andersonstown News Monday

By Ciarán Barnes

Relatives of the 11 civilians murdered during the Ballymurphy Massacre have taken their campaign for justice to the DUP offices in Lisburn. On Thursday family members, accompanied by the Relatives for Justice (RFJ) group, met with Lagan Valley MP Jeffrey Donaldson. They told the Junior Assembly Minister that their loved ones had been shot down in cold blood by British Army troops. And they called on him to back their demand for an independent international investigation into the slaughter. RFJ Deputy Director Andree Murphy, who was part of the delegation, said: "The British government needs to make a statement acknowledging the role of its soldiers in the Ballymurphy Massacre and the hurt and pain they caused, as well as the innocence of those shot dead. "Forty-three children were left without a parent after it ended. "There needs to be an independent international investigation into how this was allowed to happen, it cannot stop now, it has to go further." Although contacted Mr Donaldson's office did not comment Eleven people were shot dead by British soldiers over three days in Ballymurphy in August 1971. Some of the troops who pulled the triggers were involved in the deaths of 14 people on Bloody Sunday in Derry five months later. Truth campaigners believe that had the Ballymurphy Massacre been investigated properly Bloody Sunday would never have occurred. No British soldier has ever faced a court for their role in the indiscriminate killings. The massacre victims were Fr Hugh Mullan (38), Frank Quinn (19), Noel Phillips (19), Joan Connolly (45), Danny Teggart (44), Joseph Murphy (41), Joseph Corr (43), Eddie Doherty (28), John Laverty (19), John McKerr (49) and Pat McCarthy (44).

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