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Why are we still waiting on report to be published in full?

Setevens' probe into Diana Spencer's death is in public domain while collusion report remains hidden

Andersonstown News

By Damian McCarney

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THE BRITISH government has been urged to immediately publish the findings of the John Stevens report into collusion after the former top cop published in full the findings of his investigations into the death of Diana Spencer.

Lord Stevens' 832 page document, released on Thursday, will form a major part of next year's inquests into the deaths of the British princess, her boyfriend Dodi Al Fayed and chauffeur Henri Paul, who died in a car crash in Paris in 1997.

Now the widow of Gerard Slane who was gunned down in his Clonard home in September 1988 by UDA gunmen has called on the British government to similarly disclose in full Lord Stevens' findings into the murders of people in the North in circumstances which suggest collusion by state forces. Father-of-three Gerard Slane was shot by the loyalist murder gang who were acting on the direction of the Force Research Unit (FRU) through their key UDA agent, Brian Nelson.

Pressure has continued to mount on the British government to call an independent inquiry into the hundreds of murders which occurred in similar circumstances to Mr Slane's. November's Oireachtas Committee Report, and the recently published findings of an international panel of jurists that examined collusion in scores of killings in mid-Ulster during the 1970s, both added weight to claims of collusion by state forces. The pending MacEntee report in Dublin and the Police Ombudsman's report into loyalist killer and Special Branch agent Mark Haddock are likely to further add to the calls for the demands of the bereaved families to be met. "Whilst I and many other families would support fully the rights of these families to know the truth and full facts surrounding the tragic deaths of their loved ones, today's [Thursday's] publication nonetheless will leave a bitter taste for hundreds of Irish families affected by collusion which John Stevens also investigated and which the British government still refuses to make public," said Gerard's widow, Teresa Slane, speaking from the offices of Relatives for Justice.

"I find it adds insult to injury to me and hundreds of other Irish families. This is a clear case of double standards and one which I interpret as being blatantly discriminatory and racist. The British government is effectively

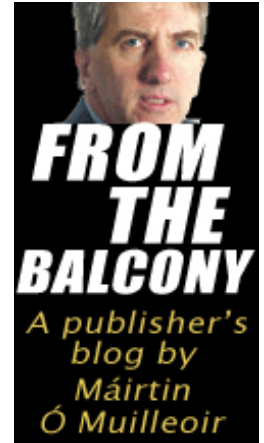
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saying that the value of the lives of Diana Spencer, Dodi Al Fayed and Henri Paul are much greater than those of hundreds of people murdered by British state agents placed within loyalist murder gangs.

"I call on them to explain why they have distinguished between the hundreds of lives of those Irish nationals deliberately murdered by the British state and the deaths of three civilians in a Paris car crash. It begs the question: what is the price of the life of an Irish national?"

Teresa further called on John Stevens to meet with her and her family to explaining his failure to brief them on his findings on Gerard's murder.

"John Stevens concluded his 3,000 page report in April 2003, holding a press conference on April 17 in Belfast's Europa Hotel. I, along with other relatives and representatives of Relatives for Justice, attempted to attend the press conference but was refused entry even though the report examined the murder of Gerard. This was a particularly difficult and painful rebuttal by Stevens and his team as I stood in a hallway while journalists and others sat behind closed and guarded doors.

"We were effectively treated as wrongdoers yet we were the bereaved relatives. It was contemptible to say the least and in complete contrast to his approach this week in which he has met with the Spencer and Windsor families briefing them on his findings prior to today's [Thursday's] publication," said Teresa.

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