

Dail to debate Quinn murder

THE murder of Co Armagh trucker Paul Quinn will be debated in the Dail next week.

Irish government and opposition TDs will read statements into the parliamentary record on last October's killing in Co Monaghan.

Mr Quinn (21) was beaten to death by a gang of about a dozen men.

Gardai and the PSNI have mounted an intensive cross-border investigation but no

arrests have been made.

"There will be statements on the killing of Paul Quinn on February 7 and Justice Minister Brian Lenihan will contribute," an Oireachtas spokesperson said.

Mr Quinn's parents have blamed the IRA for the death of their son, whom they claimed had defied orders to leave the country by the terrorist group.

However, Sinn Fein denied any republican link and said

the death was sparked by a feud between criminal gangs involved in fuel smuggling.

Stephen and Briege Quinn have mounted a campaign to bring those responsible to justice and have met politicians including Taoiseach Bertie Ahern and Fine Gael leader Enda Kenny.

Gardai said last week that they are pursuing 1,200 lines of inquiry into the murder and had taken more than 400 statements.