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## Glaring omissions from analysis

([Irish News](#))

The British army analysis fails to make reference to a series of controversies which hang over any examination of the Troubles.

The 98-page critique of Operation Banner makes no mention of the Force Research Unit, the British army's own intelligence unit which ran agents inside a number of paramilitary groups and which has become the subject of intense scrutiny in recent years.

No reference is made to official investigations by Lord Stevens into collusion between security force members and loyalist paramilitaries in a number of high-profile murders.

In particular, the report does not mention the murder of Belfast solicitor Pat Finucane at the hands of army and police agents in 1989, nor many other events or attacks now seen as being turning points in the Troubles.

These include the murder of 15 people in McGurk's bar in 1971 and the deaths of 27 people in the Dublin and Monaghan bombings in 1974.

Other significant incidents given only a fleeting mention include the treatment of Guardsmen Mark Wright and James Fisher following their convictions for the murder of unarmed Belfast teenager Peter McBride in 1992.

Both were released from prison after only three years of a life sentence and retained their positions in the army.

The authors of the critique also fail to refer to allegations of 'shoot-to-kill' operations by special forces in the 1980s.

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