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By Staff reporter

During a questions and answers session after her Bloody Sunday lecture on Friday evening, guest speaker and former Police Ombudsman, Nuala O'Loan was asked whether she felt the Troubles could be described as a war.

“It all depends how you look at it. If you are examining the Troubles from a legal point of view I don’t think that you can regard that period of time as a war. Every war has rules of engagement, places to keep prisoners and soldiers are expected to adhere to these rules. I regard that period of time as the Troubles.”

Ms. O’Loan was then queried on her views on the Saville Enquiry into Bloody Sunday.

“I think the outcome will be as transparent as one can expect and I also think that since the enquiry has started things that we did not otherwise know about have come to the surface.

“The Saville Enquiry has had to interview hundreds of witnesses and that is why it has taken so long but I think that when ever it is released into the public domain then it will be transparent.”

The full article contains 189 words and appears in Journal Sunday newspaper.

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