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Union chief to meet PSNI over O'Hagan murder

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By John McGurk

The boss of the main journalists' union is to demand a meeting with the police team investigating the murder of Ulster reporter Martin O'Hagan.

NUJ Irish secretary Seamus Dooley told Sunday Life he would be formally requesting a meeting with the PSNI's Retrospective Murder Review Unit tomorrow.

And, as the sixth anniversary of the Sunday World reporter's murder approaches this Friday, the NUJ reiterated its calls for an independent investigation.

The 51-year-old father-of-four was gunned down as he walked home hand in hand with his wife Marie following a night out in a Lurgan pub on September 28, 2001.

The Red Hand Defenders - a cover name for the LVF and UDA - later admitted responsibility for the murder.

No-one has been charged with the killing.

Mr Dooley said: "What I intend doing on Monday is to look for a meeting with that investigation team with a view to trying to establish where things are at.

"We would remain concerned that there is a persistent rumour in Northern Ireland that those responsible for the murder of Martin O'Hagan were, in some way - directly, or indirectly - linked to the security forces, by way of intelligence.

"We still believe that the most appropriate form of investigation would be from an outside body. I think that the report into Rosemary Nelson's case underlines the value of the Ombudsman's office getting involved."

Last December, Chief Inspector Charles Patterson told Mr O'Hagan's inquest that police believed the killers were among eight people interviewed after the shooting.

Coroner John Leckey concluded that Mr O'Hagan - who died from chest and abdomen injuries - had been gunned down for exposing the drug-dealing activities of loyalist paramilitaries in Mid-Ulster.

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