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DALLAT PLEDGES TO CONTINUE CASTLEROCK AND GREYSTEEL TRUTH FIGHT

East Derry SDLP Assembly Member John Dallat has pledged to continue his campaign to unfold the truth behind murders in East Derry including the multiple killings at Castlerock and Greysteel. Mr Dallat stated:

"The Police Ombudsman and the Department of Foreign Affairs has a detailed dossier on the events which began before the murder of four workmen at Castlerock, during the six months between that event and the massacre of a further eight people in the Rising Sun Bar at Greysteel.

"At considerable risk and indeed threats to my own life I continually raised my concern about this killer gang. In the intervening years I have spoken to a number of people who have volunteered information which I have passed onto the Police Ombudsman's Office.

"It is clear to me that while police did good work in arresting and bringing to trail some of the culprits, the full extent of the gravity of the events was never established. According to information at my disposal one member of the gang was never interviewed about his involvement. It is my belief that MI5 were involved and without access to their files, if they still exist, the extent may never be known.

"The Police Ombudsman must have full access to these files and never again must MI5, currently building an extensive headquarters here have the reins of corrupt power to promote death and destruction. The use of informers was widespread and not confined to one group or another.

"While I await the Ombudsman's findings I do believe that there is sufficient evidence to review these and other murders with a view to unmasking the faceless people in MI5 and elsewhere who ran informers, paid money into their bank account and rewarded them for murdering the innocent.

"It is my understanding that former police officers have been interviewed and have co-operated but we need to know why the UFF killer gang continued to operate while so many concerns were expressed by me. It is my belief that MI5 were running a separate agenda and that helps explain why guns were moved to avoid detection and one of these weapons was subsequently used at Greysteel. According to my source the other powerful weapon is still at large."

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