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Gerry Kelly supports families of those killed in New Lodge massacre

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Sinn Féin spokesperson on Policing and Justice issues Gerry Kelly today attended a press conference organised by the families of those killed in the New Lodge massacre in February 1973.

Speaking after the press conference Mr Kelly said:

"The families of those killed in the New Lodge massacre have one simple demand. They want to know the truth about what happened on that night 34 years ago. It has recently emerged that a former British Agent working within the UVF has testified that the operation which resulted in the deaths of these six men was jointly ran by loyalist paramilitaries and the British Army working under the direction of the Military Reconnaissance Force (MRF).

"A Community Inquiry held in the New Lodge area in 2002 was boycotted by the British Army and Ministry of Defence. This culture of concealment must be tackled and ended. The recent revelations demonstrate clearly why the British State are so keen that the truth about this event will be suppressed.

"However the families of those killed are determined that their campaign will not end until they get to the truth. Sinn Féin will continue to stand with the families and with this community until the British come clean on their involvement in this massacre." ENDS

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