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Sinn Féin call for publication of Stalker Report after Ombudsman asked to investigate shoot-to-kill

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Sinn Féin Policing Spokesperson, South Belfast MLA Alex Maskey has called for the full publication of the Stalker Report and the immediate publication for all other enquiries relating the policy of shoot-to-kill after the Police Ombudsman confirmed that she had been asked to re-open files on the killing of Gervaise McKerr, Sean Burns and Eugene Toman in North Armagh 1982 in by the RUC.

Mr Maskey said:

"The hard facts about the killing of Gervaise McKerr, Sean Burns and Eugene Toman in North Armagh 1982 are clear. There was a policy of shoot-to-kill operated by the RUC in this area.

"The families not just in this case but the relatives of others killed as a result of the shot-to-kill policy, including 17-year-old Michael Tighe, deserve the truth.

"The European Court demanded a proper investigation into the circumstances of these killings and other state murders.

"Europe has already laid the finger of blame at the door of number 10. Now we need to see the full publication of the Stalker Report and the immediate publication for all other enquiries relating the policy of shoot-to-kill." ENDS

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