

## **Submission to the Haass Panel by Siobhan Nugent**

Dear Richard Haass,

Our family lost our brother and son as a result of conflict in the north of Ireland. I would like you to consider this submission on behalf of my family to the Haass Panel on dealing with the past. We hope that the Haass talks will bring about new proposals that will address the past. As a family who have suffered the loss of our loved one we have still not been told the truth into the circumstances that led to his death or who was involved in his murder.

On the 3rd March 1991 our brother Malcolm Nugent was one of four people killed in a UVF attack on Boyle's pub in Cappagh village in county Tyrone. Dwayne O'Donnell, John Quinn and Thomas Armstrong were the others killed in the attack. The killings were carried out by the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) Mid Ulster Brigade. The UVF gang could not have carried out the attack without collusion from the Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR) or the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC). The UDR would have patrolled the Cappagh area and had regular roadblocks set up around the village prior to the killings. The RUC would have accompanied UDR patrols as well. On the night of the attack there were no UDR/RUC patrols or roadblocks to be seen. The previous week UDR member's had visited Boyle's pub and were seen taking sketches of the layout of the pub. Members of the UDR were arrested and questioned about the killings. However, no one was ever charged with the murder of our brother and the other people who were killed.

We have never been given a proper and effective investigation into the death of our brother. We never believed the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) carried out any credible investigation into the deaths. The Historical Enquiries Team (HET), who we have engaged with, has also failed to carry out an independent investigation into the killings. Twenty years on we are still no closer to the truth as to how our brother was killed that day.

We would like the Haass Panel to recommend a new mechanism to deal with the past that is totally independent from the PSNI, the British state and political parties. We believe any new process needs to be both international and independent. Our brother Malcolm and the others who were killed that day in Cappagh died as a result of collusion between loyalists and state forces namely the UDR and the RUC. All of the families who lost loved ones in this terrible killing deserve to know the truth as to how their loved ones were murdered and who was behind those killings.

Siobhan Nugent