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# Adams meets campaigning dad of victim

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By Noel McAdam

Gerry Adams met the father of UVF murder victim Raymond McCord yesterday, hours before publication of the Ombudsman's report into his death.

The Sinn Fein president praised Raymond McCord Snr's courage - and sounded alarm bells over the implications of the report, which he said will confirm collusion between police and loyalists.

The two men are understood to have met privately a number of times. Mr McCord described the latest encounter as "positive".

Speaking before their meeting, Mr Adams said the Ombudsman Nuala O'Loan's report on the police inquiry into the 1997 murder arose from the "very courageous" actions of Mr McCord.

"I think that not only will it expose the shameful role of the British Government, it will expose what we have been saying for decades - that there was actual collusion," he said.






"Unionist people have to say, 'was this done in my name?' And those who are in political leadership will have to ask themselves, 'could something I said have created the condition where someone thought they could kill someone just because they were a Catholic?'"

Mr Adams added that, while not prejudging the report, most "sensible unionists will want to be in a better place and they know that their leaders can't just forever wash their hands".

Mr McCord, who also met SDLP Policing Board member Alex Attwood yesterday, called both meetings "positive".

He added that both politicians would support him "until people have been brought to justice for my son's murder".

Ulster Secretary Peter Hain is expected to make a statement on the report's publication.

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