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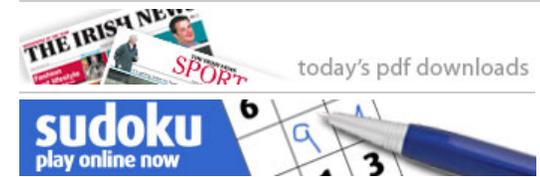


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Sinn Fein leaders tell dissidents 'war is over'

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United in prayer: Representatives from the four main churches in Antrim hold a vigil at the Antrim-Randalstown roundabout close to the scene where two soldiers from the Massereene Barracks were murdered on Saturday night and four other people injured, one of them seriously. Fr Tony Devlin, holding the mic, is joined by regiment chaplain Philip McCormack, far left, and Methodist minister Jack Moore, second from left PICTURE: Colm O'Reilly

The First Minister and Deputy First Minister led condemnation of the Massereene gunmen last night, with Martin McGuinness insisting the "war is over".

The Sinn Fein MP described the attack in Antrim as "totally and absolutely wrong".

"My immediate thoughts are with the families who are suffering at this time and obviously I want to extend my sympathy to all of them," he said.

"I was a member of the IRA but that war is over now. The people responsible for last night's incident are clearly signalling that they want to resume or restart that war. Well, I deny their right to do that."

In a statement yesterday, Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams also said the party supported police in their bid to find those responsible.

"The police also have a responsibility to give leadership