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## Bloody Sunday banner goes on show

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The Civil Rights Association banner used to cover the bodies of Bloody Sunday victims Bernard McGuigan and Hugh Gilmour has been put on permanent exhibition in Derry.

In a short and poignant ceremony at the Museum of Free Derry, relatives of the two victims unveiled the banner that was carried at the head of the anti-internment march on January 30 1972 and still carries bloodstains from the day.

Mr McGuigan (41) was shot dead as he went to the aid of another Bloody Sunday victim, Patrick Doherty.

Despite waving a white handkerchief, he was shot seconds after leaving shelter.

Mr Gilmour (17) died just yards from Mr McGuigan after he was shot while running for cover along Rossville Street.

In the days after Bloody Sunday, pictures of the bloodstained banner that was used to cover the two victims went around the world after a make-shift cross was placed on top.


The banner is part of a new development at the Museum of Free Derry which is located at Glenfada Park in Derry's Bogside, the site of many of the Bloody Sunday deaths.

As well as a number of exhibits relating to Bloody Sunday, the museum has put a front page of The Irish News from February 1 1972 on display.

The 37th Bloody Sunday anniversary march takes place in Derry tomorrow, assembling at 2.30pm at Creggan shops.

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