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Adams speaks to Blair over collusion report

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Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams this afternoon spoke by telephone with the British Prime Minister Tony Blair about the implications of the Ombudsman Report into collusion. Mr Adams has consistently briefed Mr Blair on this issue since their first meeting in December 1997.

Mr Adams said:

"I once again made the point that this was an administrative practice which was rooted in Whitehall. It was a policy which was about upholding British government involvement in Irish affairs. I told Mr Blair that those involved would have to be removed from the PSNI and that the Ombudsman needed to be properly funded in order to carry out further investigations.

"I also made the point that the British government needed to acknowledge that this was a matter of policy and that it had now stopped and I told him that there needed to be a root and branch reform of the DPP which had covered-up and allowed the perpetrators of collusion to go free. I specifically raised very serious questions over the role of Alistair Frazer the Director of Public Prosecutions." ENDS

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