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Full disclosure needed after Hegarty admission

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Sinn Féin Foyle MLA Martina Anderson has said that there now needs to be a full independent inquiry into the shooting dead of Daniel Hegarty on Operation Motorman in 1972.

Ms Anderson said:

"Daniel Hegarty was a 15 year old boy when he was shot dead at point blank range by the British Army in 1972. In the report into Operation Banner the British Military version of its occupation of the North Daniel Hegarty was described as a terrorist.

"The admission by the British Government this morning that Daniel Hegarty was not a terrorist does not go far enough. What is needed is a full independent inquiry into why this child was shot dead at point blank range on the morning of the 31st July 1972. The British government need to disclose all the facts relating to this case.

"I congratulate Daniel's family for their tenacity in pursuing the British government for the truth surrounding his cold-blooded murder. Their success in forcing this movement from the British government will bring comfort and encouragement to the hundreds of other families who are also fighting to get to the truth of their loved ones murders by British state forces and their acolytes in the unionist death squads. Sinn Féin will continue in our support in whatever future course the Hegarty family chooses to pursue." ENDS

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