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## Sinn Féin call for MoD to cancel Belfast British Army parade

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Sinn Féin MEP Bairbre de Brún and MLA for West Belfast Jennifer McCann were joined today by family members, who have lost loved ones at the hands of the British Army, to call for the British Ministry of Defence to cancel the British army parade planned for Belfast on November the 2nd.

Speaking at a press conference today, Ms de Brún said:

"Sinn Féin are today calling for the British Ministry of Defence to call off the British army parade planned for Belfast this weekend. It is not too late.

"To date the MoD have been invisible on this contentious and divisive march, failing to put up any spokespeople or address the wider public concerns.

"This parade is insensitive, rash and completely unnecessary."

Ms McCann continued:

"The best thing in the opinion of Sinn Féin, the family members and victims groups representing these families, is for the British MoD to cancel this parade. The MoD should listen to the concerns expressed by the RIR chaplain David Latimer who acknowledged that this parade would be divisive and stated that a religious service would be a more appropriate event.

"Sinn Féin are calling on Shaun Woodward, the British Secretary of State, and John Hutton, the British Defence Minister, to let common sense prevail on this issue. If this military parade is called off Sinn Féin and the families would see no need for a protest." ENDS

Note to Editors:

Those who attended the press conference were:

- Clara Reilly - United Campaign Against Plastic Bullets

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