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Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams responding to the continuing speculation around the killing of Garda McCabe said:

"Despite the repudiation by the Sinn Féin leadership of the killing of Garda McCabe and the wounding of Garda O'Sullivan at Adare and despite our public expressions of regret and condolences to the families of the two gardai, there has been a continuing political effort to link this killing with Sinn Féin's efforts to restore the peace process.

This is clearly deliberate mischief making and is aimed at undermining Sinn Féin's role in the search for peace.

Let me reiterate Sinn Féin's attitude. We extend our sincerest condolences to the families of the two gardai. It is clear that the killing at Adare can form no part in the republican struggle. On the contrary actions such as this would be a disservice to that struggle.

Those who are trying to use this killing to undermine Sinn Féin know this:

In fact this is their political agenda.

The IRA last Friday said that none of its volunteers or units were involved in the Adare incident. I accept that position.

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