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New claims over Adams murder bid sparks call to ombudsman

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By Noel McAdam

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams has alerted the Police Ombudsman over renewed claims that a UDA informer told Special Branch of a loyalist plot to murder him in 1984.

The Sinn Fein president was shot five times as he travelled with three colleagues through Belfast city centre to the magistrates court.

However, a UDR patrol rammed the murder vehicle soon after and three men were arrested - John Gregg, Gerard Welsh and Colin Gray.






Several years ago a book - Big Boy's Rules - by journalist Mark Urban alleged that a British military intelligence source had confirmed a UDA agent tipped police off.

And yesterday it was reported that a retired RUC detective, who was a double agent working for Special Branch, told his handlers a week before the attack that it was to take place. Mr Adams said he has instructed his solicitor to write to the Police Ombudsman Nuala O'Loan.

"This is not the first time that a source from within the British system has confirmed that the UDA gang who carried out the attack were colluding with the Special Branch and British military intelligence," the Sinn Fein president said.

"I have asked my solicitor to write to Nuala O'Loan and ask that his latest information be thoroughly investigated."

The move came the day after Mr Adams, who police have told is currently facing a death threat from dissident republicans, held his first direct meeting with the Chief Constable of the PSNI, Sir Hugh Orde.

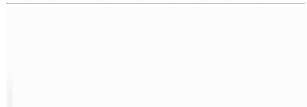
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A spokesman for the Ombudsman said she had yet to receive the letter and therefore could not comment on whether an investigation would be undertaken.

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