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Evidence of collusion in murder

North Belfast News

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The family of a teenager murdered on the M2 by the UVF 35 years ago have said detectives have found evidence of British forces colluding in the killing.

The details emerged after a fresh investigation was launched by the Historical Enquiries Team (HET) into the death of 16-year-old Henry Cunningham who was shot dead when UVF gunmen opened fire on the van he was travelling in on the M2 in August 1973.

The Donegal teenager was travelling with his two brothers when their van was attacked although both Herbert and Robert survived.

A report from the HET has confirmed detectives uncovered evidence of collusion in the theft of a murder weapon from a UDR base.

According to the report, one of the weapons used in the attack had been stolen from a UDR base in Lurgan in 1972.

Evidence of collusion

The HET found evidence of collusion between loyalists and British forces in the raid on the base.

The report concluded Henry Cunningham, other members of his family and work colleagues were "specifically targeted as a group by the UVF in a pre-planned attack on 9 August 1973".

It said it was likely they had been observed following a regular pattern, travelling on the M2 in a van with Republic of Ireland registration plates.

It also said they were all incorrectly identified as Catholics as working in the construction industry.

In fact those in the van were both Catholic and Presbyterian.

No one has ever been prosecuted for the murder and the family believe the case was never fully investigated.

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Government urged to provide more help for social enterprise

THE first ever social enterprise trade show became the foreground for a campaign to urge the government to recognise the contribution social enterprises make to society. At the all-Ireland Trade event, Networks 2008, held at St George's Market on Tuesday, social enterprise businesses were given the chance to raise the profile of the services they provide in the community. Speaking at the event, John Steele, Chairman of Bryson Charitable Group, made the call for the



Property News

What housing slump?

Thousands of local buyers defied reports of a property market slump last week as they queued for a dream home in Northern Ireland's first eco-village. Lisburn's Brokerstown Village, a development of more than 1,000 energy efficient homes, was buzzing with interest from buyers at its two open days earlier this month. In fact, selling agent Ulster Property Sales estimated that more than 2,000 visitors have already flocked to the eco-friendly and ever so chic 'future-proof' properties, which offer 60 per

