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## Victims angry at remarks

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The former Canadian Mountie, who is to take over the role as Police Ombudsman, will inherit more than 70 cases involving alleged collusion between security forces and loyalist paramilitaries.

As oversight commissioner, Al Hutchinson has enjoyed a harmonious relationship with senior police officers in Northern Ireland, including Chief Constable Sir Hugh Orde.

When he takes over from Nuala O'Loan in November he will inherit ongoing investigations into alleged police participation in some of the most controversial killings of the Troubles.

Unionists have broadly welcomed his appointment.

Ian Paisley jnr said he hoped that a "normalisation" of relations between the police federation and the ombudsman could now be established.

But Mark Thompson of victims' group Relatives for Justice said he was unhappy about Mr Hutchinson's remark that a line should be "drawn in the sand" regarding historic investigations.

Among the cases on the ombudsman's books are the murder of solicitor Rosemary Nelson and the UVF killing of six people at Loughinisland, Co Down in 1994.

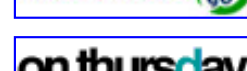
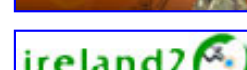
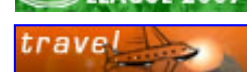
The role of police informer Mark Haddock in at least 10 further killings, revealed during Nuala O'Loan's investigation into the murder of

22-year-old Raymond McCord in 1997 are also being investigated.

The murdered man's father Raymond McCord snr said he was "deeply disappointed" and vowed to have nothing to do with the ombudsman's office once Mr Hutchinson takes up his post.

Separate investigations into 10 further murders and 10

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attempted murders that came to light during the probe into collusion between police and the Mount Vernon UVF are pending.

Haddock is serving a 10-year jail term for the attempted murder of doorman Trevor Gowdy.

The PSNI shooting of Neil McConville in 2003 is also in the hands of the ombudsman.

The investigation into the 21-year-old's death is believed to be completed. However, an ongoing criminal case means that it will now more than likely fall to Al Hutchinson to deliver the report's findings.

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