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Sinn Féin meet Parades Commission over British army parade and Sinn Féin protest

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West Belfast MLA Paul Maskey today led a Sinn Féin delegation to meet with the Parades Commission to discuss the proposed Belfast City centre British army parade on November 2nd and the application for a Sinn Féin protest march and rally focusing on the legacy of the British army here in Ireland.

Speaking after the meeting Mr Maskey said,

"Sinn Féin plans to hold a peaceful and dignified protest in Belfast city centre during the so called 'homecoming' parade for members of the British armed forces including the notorious UDR/RIR.

"We made the commission aware of the fact that the protest rally will highlight the legacy of the RIR and their predecessors the UDR here in Ireland as well as opposition to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq where thousands of civilians have been killed.

"Our right to protest should be respected and we welcomed the chance of being able to put our case forward." CRÍOCH

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