

Provisional IRA.

Murphy hits out at killing

Paul Quinn, aged 21 and from Cullyhanna, was found at farm buildings near Castleblayney in the border county of Monaghan with serious injuries shortly after 6pm on Saturday, and died a short time later in hospital.

urged to reveal whether they believe the killing

of an Armagh man is linked to members of the

Mr Quinn`s family last night claimed he had become involved in an altercation with members of the republican paramilitary group, which formally ended its armed campaign in July 2005, and that he had been ordered to leave the country.

"We believe that he was abducted by the Provisional movement and beaten to death," they said.

Sinn Fein Minister in the Northern Ireland Assembly Conor Murphy hit out at the killing and said he did not believe there was republican involvement.

Neither the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) or An Garda Siochana would comment on the claims, but said they were investigating the matter fully.

Emergency services were called to a location in Tullycoora, Castleblayney-about 10 miles south of the border with Armagh - where Mr Quinn`s badly injured body was found.

It is believed he was severely beaten after being lured to the remote location.

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Despite attempts to treat his injuries, he died at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda.

Two men were treated at the Daisy Hill hospital in the border city of Newry, Co Down, for injuries believed to have been sustained in the same incident.

However it is understood the men were discharged from hospital before anyone could interview them and that police south of the border were seeking to make contact with them.

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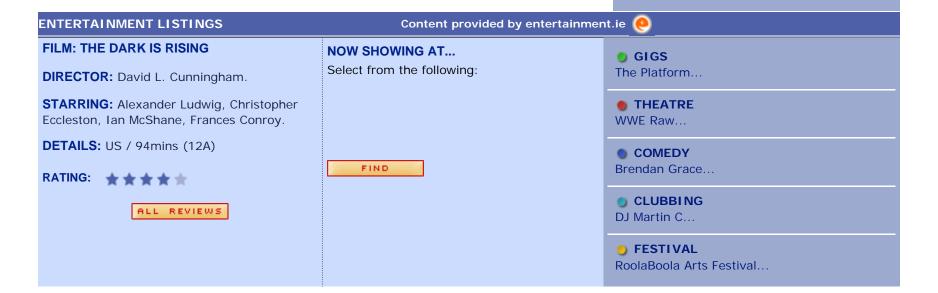
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