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British need to come clean on Hamill murder

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Commenting after former members of the RUC who witnessed the sectarian murder of Portadown man Robert Hamill succeeded in a court bid to conceal their identities, Sinn Féin Assembly member for Upper Bann John O'Dowd said that this was the latest stage in the effort to cover-up the facts around the killing.

Mr O'Dowd said:

"It is beyond dispute that Robert Hamill was brutally murdered in a random sectarian attack as members of the RUC sat back and watched. At the time of the murder strenuous efforts were made by the RUC to cover-up the circumstances surrounding the killing. It is for this reason that an independent inquiry was needed.

"With today's court ruling it appears that the efforts at cover-up and concealment are continuing. Nationalists and Republicans in Portadown will not accept another RUC white wash. The British State and its agents need to come clean about this and other murders they have been involved in."
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