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Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams

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### Adams slammed by SDLP over truth march

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Nationalist SDLP Assembly member Declan O`Loan lambasted the Sinn Fein leader for being one sided after Mr Adams urged people to take part in a black ribbon "March for Truth" in Belfast on Sunday.

"The utmost sensitivity is needed in any event marking the past," the North Antrim MLA said.

"Deep wounds are present and they are made worse by inappropriate forms of commemoration or campaigning.

"What is wrong about this call is the one-sided nature of it, the total ignoring of Sinn Fein`s own responsibility in the search for truth and the need for it to accept the massive responsibility that the Republican Movement itself has for the death and destruction of the past."

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These include the 1989 loyalist Ulster Defence Association murder of North Belfast solicitor Pat Finucane and the decision by the Public Prosecution Service not to charge anybody after senior policeman Lord Stevens` inquiry into the death and a series of other incidents where collusion is suspected.

Earlier this summer, former Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Hain announced an independent panel, including former Church of Ireland Archbishop Lord Robin Eames and former Catholic priest Denis Bradley, to debate ways of dealing with more than 3,000 unsolved murders.

Gerry Adams yesterday called for an independent truth commission involving international experts to examine Northern Ireland`s Troubles and insisted it should treat all victims equally.

Mr O`Loan said while Sinn Fein was eloquent about the need for truth about collusion, it refused to recognise the Republican Movement bore the same responsibility for the loss of life as the British state.

"The book `Lost Lives` attributes 1,778 murders to the IRA," he said.

"This is 48.5% of all the deaths of the Troubles - by far the largest proportion for any group.

"There are many killings on which republicans could cast light, including what happened to the Disappeared."

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