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Gerry Adams calls for Ombudsman's Investigation into gun attack on him in 1984

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Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams MP has instructed his solicitor to write to the Police Ombudsman Nuala O'Loan following the publication today of a report in the Andersonstown news which links the RUC Special Branch to the gun attack on him in March 1984. Mr. Adams was hit five times and three others with him in the car were also shot.

The Andersonstown News report says that a former retired RUC detective has confirmed to the North Belfast News that a UDA informant, who was a double agent working for Special Branch, told his handlers a week before the attack that it was to take place.

Commenting on the report Mr. Adams said:

"This is not the first time that a source from within the British system has confirmed that the UDA gang who carried out the attack were colluding with the Special Branch and British Military Intelligence.

In his book 'Big Boy's Rules' BBC reporter Mark Urban confirmed some years ago that a British Military Intelligence source confirmed to him that a UDA agent had tipped them off about a plan to assassinate me.

I have asked my solicitor to write to Nuala O'Loan and ask that his latest information be thoroughly investigated." ENDS

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