

# BLOODY SUNDAY: Still seeking Justice 20 years on

It is now 20 years since Bloody Sunday when 14 civil rights marchers were shot dead on the streets of Derry. In those 20 years the US has withdrawn from Vietnam. The USSR has withdrawn from Eastern Europe and even South Africa has withdrawn from Angola but the British army which carried out the Bloody Sunday killings is still occupying Ireland. The soldiers who murdered 14 innocent civilians have never served a day in jail, but their Commander was awarded a medal by the British government. Twenty years later, RUC Chief Hugh Annesley was awarded a similar prize at the end of a year in which British forces killed more innocent Irish citizens.

Such was the anger of the people of Dublin after Bloody Sunday that thousands walked out of work, marched to the British Embassy in Dublin and burnt it down. The government was forced to respond by sending representatives to the funerals and by condemning the killings. This was the last time that Dublin government ministers attended funerals of victims of British forces and now there are no condemnations. Not even mild criticisms of such killings. Instead we have Section 31 which silences the relatives of the victims while giving full access to their killers and their apologists.

The Bloody Sunday Initiative, an independent group of victims relations and friends, is organising several events in Dublin to commemorate the memory of their loved ones:

- Friday 17th January 6.30pm:** ..... Dramatic Pageant at British Embassy
- Friday 17th January 8.00pm:** ..... Function in Halfpenny Bridge Inn
- Saturday 18th January 12-5pm:** ..... Bloody Sunday exhibition in Halfpenny Bridge Inn
- Saturday 18th January 2.30pm:** ..... Public meeting with relatives in Halfpenny Bridge Inn

**Buses to major march in Derry on Sunday 26th January:  
Dun Laoghaire 8am, GPO 8.30am, Finglas 9am. For details phone: 202019**

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