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# 'We are stuck in limbo' - Bloody Sunday widow



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A woman widowed on Bloody Sunday last night vowed to "campaign for truth until the death".

In an interview with the 'Journal,' Eileen Doherty-Green described waiting on the findings of the Saville Inquiry as being "stuck in limbo" 36 years after the British Army murdered 14 people in the Bogside.

Mrs Doherty-Green, whose husband, Patrick was among those shot dead by the Paras, claimed the delay in publishing the findings was a "stalling tactic."

The mother of six, who has since re-married, said: "The whole of Derry knows what happened that day. Paras giving evidence to the tribunal made it sound like they were rounded on by marchers who hemmed them in but their statements were totally inaccurate and incoherent."

Mrs. Doherty-Green who was also on the ill-fated march, said: "I was 29 when they murdered my husband. I am 66 this year and I want the matter resolved."

Photographs and forensic tests for gunshot residue proved 31-year-old Patrick Doherty was unarmed when he was shot dead outside the Rossville Flats.

His widow said: "It is tragic to think that mothers have gone to their graves having never had their murdered sons' names cleared. There are now grandchildren whose grandfathers were murdered and names never cleared.

"The campaign started in 1985 when my son Tony asked me if I would like to be in contact with the other families. I want my son to know how thankful I am for that."

"To Tony his daddy was his hero and he wouldn't rest until his name was cleared.

"It has been a long hard road but the campaigning was worth it. There is nothing I wouldn't go through to ensure the truth is told about that day."

Asked did she believe that prosecutions would follow, Mrs Doherty-Green stated: "Not one Paratrooper will spend a day in jail. I will be content so long as the names of all the dead are cleared. It's madness to think otherwise. Will we get the truth? I hope so, we deserve it as do the children and grandchildren of the deceased."

Asked what it meant to her that thousands of people still attend the annual Bloody Sunday march, Mrs. Doherty-Green said: "It shows the passion of the people for justice. They march on the coldest day of the year, every year. First we marched for an Inquiry, now people march for the findings to be made public. We got the Inquiry and we couldn't have done any more. What we have already achieved is remarkable. We had a Lord Chief Justice tribunal rubbished, people should realise how big that was. It was history in the making."

It has been suggested that this could be the last year of the Bloody Sunday March should the findings be released.

Mrs Doherty-Green added: "I wouldn't like people to think we are dragging them out but if others believe different it is their own decision. I am just very glad of all the support down the years."

The full article contains 517 words and appears in n/a newspaper.

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