
The Bloody Sunday Inquiry

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PRESS NOTICE

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TRIBUNAL RULINGS

The Bloody Sunday Inquiry Tribunal has today released rulings in respect of:

- *An application by Soldier AD for screening during evidence*
- *An application by Soldier 203 for screening during evidence*

Soldier AD

Soldier AD applied on two grounds. The first was open and the second confidential. The first is expressed as a genuine and reasonable fear of terrorist reprisals if he can be traced. The second basis for the application derived from medical evidence to the effect that his ability to give evidence to the Tribunal would be impaired if he were not screened.

Taking into account the material available the Tribunal have concluded that, by reason of his personal circumstances, if Soldier AD gives his evidence unscreened his anonymity is likely to be destroyed and he would be exposed to a significant increase in the risk of reprisals.

The Tribunal have therefore granted the application. In arriving at this decision, it was unnecessary to consider the applicant's medical condition.

Soldier 203

This soldier has already given evidence unscreened but is to be recalled to give further evidence.

On the basis of confidential material now in their possession, the Tribunal are satisfied that screening is necessary to preserve the anonymity of this applicant. In arriving at this decision, it has been unnecessary to obtain a threat assessment.

Notes to Editors

1. Screened witnesses remain visible to the Tribunal, Counsel to the Tribunal and the legal representatives of the interested parties.
2. Full details of the judgement have been posted on the Inquiry website under Rulings and Judgements.
3. Further information please contact the Inquiry's Chief Press Secretary, Ivan Bailey, 020 7654 5333 (mobile 07715 001 361).