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PRESS NOTICE

CORONERS SERVICE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

BALLYMURPHY INQUEST

APPEAL FOR INFORMATION

MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2019

The inquests into the ten deaths that occurred in Ballymurphy, Belfast on 9th, 10th and 11th August 1971 have been adjourned. The evidence will recommence on 21st January 2019.

The Coroner has welcomed the fact that a significant number of military witnesses have co-operated and continue to co-operate with this inquest, either directly with the Coroners Service or via the Ministry of Defence.

She would like to issue a further appeal to all potential witnesses to the shootings, including British Army personnel from the Queen's and Parachute Regiments, who were present during the relevant time, to come forward and provide whatever information they can to assist with the inquest proceedings.

The Coroner also wishes to make contact with any SIB/RMP veterans who were involved in the initial Army investigations in 1971 - 1972.

If you had any involvement in, or were a witness to, the shootings, or if you have other information about the shootings, your information may be of invaluable assistance to the inquests. The Coroner would therefore encourage you to come forward and make your account known to the Coroners Service for Northern Ireland.

In making contact you may be asked to provide a statement. You may also be asked to attend the inquest to give evidence, but the necessary arrangements for that will be made at a later stage. It should be noted that the Coroner will consider all requests for special measures from any potential witness in line with legal obligations.

If you can assist please contact the Coroners Service for Northern Ireland

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Alternatively you may make contact via the Ministry of Defence who can also provide welfare and legal support to assist you in providing evidence to the inquests. If you wish to find out more about the support that can be provided by the MOD or make contact with the Coroners Service via the MOD you can contact the MOD direct on the following numbers: 0207 2189330 / 0207 2184668 / 0207 2180190 / 0207 2180367.

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