

# Judicial Communications Office

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PRESS NOTICE

LEGACY INQUEST UNIT

## INQUESTS INTO DEATHS AT BALLYMURPHY, 9 - 11 AUGUST 1971

The Coroner, The Honourable Mrs Justice Keegan, will deliver her findings from the inquests into the deaths at Ballymurphy at 11.00am on Tuesday 11 May 2021, at the International Conference Centre (ICC), Belfast.

The inquests examined ten deaths that occurred in Ballymurphy in Belfast between 9 and 11 of August 1971.

The deceased were:

Father Hugh Mullan  
Francis Quinn  
Joan Connolly  
Joseph Murphy  
Noel Phillips  
Daniel Teggart  
Edward Doherty  
Joseph Corr  
John Laverty  
John McKerr.

The inquests were directed by the Attorney-General for Northern Ireland following an application by the families of the deceased.

In order to adhere to the public health advice and guidance on social distancing, introduced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a mix of physical and remote attendance is being arranged to provide an opportunity for as many persons as possible to join the hearing. Priority is being given to the families of the deceased and those directly involved. The number of persons attending has been agreed in advance with all relevant agencies.

**NOTES TO EDITORS**

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1. The Coroner's findings, together with a summary of the findings, will be published on the JudiciaryNI website, where further information on this legacy inquest is also available:  
<https://www.judiciaryni.uk/ballymurphy-inquest>
2. The International Convention Centre (ICC) is being used as a "Nightingale" facility to support courts and tribunals business.
3. Limited seating for the media will be available in the ICC. There will also be limited seating available in Court 13, Laganside Courts to watch the hearing by way of live link. Media outlets should contact the Legacy Inquest Unit at [Legacy@courtsni.gov.uk](mailto:Legacy@courtsni.gov.uk) by 16 April 2021, to express an interest in attending for the delivery of the findings and whether your preference is to attend the ICC or watch the proceedings remotely via a webinar. Seats in the ICC will be allocated firstly to those media outlets who regularly attended the inquest hearings. The Judicial Communications Officer will allocate the remaining seats.
4. An operational briefing for the media who have been allocated seats in the ICC will be held in advance of the hearing to discuss the logistical arrangements for attendance. Further details of the date and time of the briefing will follow.
5. The use of Twitter and other social media platforms by the media will not be permitted.
6. All other persons who wish to link in remotely to the hearing should contact the Legacy Inquest Unit at [Legacy@courtsni.gov.uk](mailto:Legacy@courtsni.gov.uk) by 16 April 2021, to express an interest in attending. Only those persons who have made contact by 16 April, will be permitted access to the link. All persons who are permitted to link in remotely to the hearing will be required to comply with the conditions set out in a Live Link Protocol which will be published on the JudiciaryNI website on 9 April 2021.
7. All attendees at the ICC and Court 13 Laganside Courts must observe public health advice in relation to social distancing and face coverings throughout the hearing and when entering and leaving the buildings.
8. Any person required to self-isolate or quarantine at home should not attend.

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