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Alleged Garda spy named



Ulster Unionist MP, Jeffrey Donaldson has used parliamentary privilege to claim that now retired Garda Sergeant EOIN CORRIGAN was involved in the double murder of Chief Superintendent Harry Breen and Superintendent Robert Buchanan, who were ambushed on 20 March 1989 on the Edenappa Road near Jonesborough. Details of their movements are believed to have been leaked by a member of the IRA who was also a senior Garda. RUC Special Branch confirm that the ambush could have been staged only with the help of members of the Garda .

The event is well catalogued in Toby Harnden's recent book on the South Armagh IRA, in which he wrote that there was technical information which confirmed that the IRA had been contacted by someone within Dundalk station. RUC Special Branch then received intelligence that a Garda officer had telephoned an IRA member to tip him off. According to Harnden's book, this sequence of events was confirmed by Detective Inspector L, a former member of Garda Special Branch, who said: "I'm afraid the leak came from a guard. Bob Buchanan was a lovely, lovely man and those murders were an absolute tragedy. The fact that one of my colleagues was involved made the whole thing ten times worse." The Dublin government, so very quick to support the accusations of terrorists against the Royal Ulster Constabulary, have been refusing to accept that collusion between the Garda and the IRA took place.

Of course, to do anything other than that would likely open up a can of very large and wriggly political worms since it was members of the Dublin government in the late 1960s who first armed the just-formed Provisional IRA!

Few people expect anything to come of the disclosure. The life of two men in the RUC is as nothing to our government in comparison to the prospect of getting Sinn Fein/IRA back into government and so buying them off and safeguarding mainland Britain from any possible future IRA bombing campaign.

How any decent person can associate with such a "peace plan" is beyond comprehension. Will there not be a price to pay for such evil? We can be sure there will.