

## **Declaration regarding the stationing in Germany of the two murderers of the Irish citizen Peter McBride**

Background: In 1992 two British soldiers, Mark Wright and James Fisher, murdered the young Irishman Peter McBride. They shot him in the back. A few minutes beforehand Peter had been body searched, so the soldiers knew that he was unarmed. In 1995 they were found guilty of murder and sentenced to life in prison without reprieve by a civil court.

The campaign by parts of the British Army and the British media resulted in the two soldiers being released from prison on probation in 1998, after serving three years of their sentence, by the then British Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Despite international protests, and although their own guidelines stipulate this, the British Army refused to discharge the two murderers. This behaviour can only be described as anti-Irish racism in view of the fact that in the last ten years more than 2000 soldiers have been discharged from the army for offences of far less gravity.

Currently both soldiers are stationed with the Rhine Army in Germany.

In view of the ongoing discussion regarding rightwing violence in our country, the unchallenged stationing of these two soldiers is a dangerous example of tolerance of racial hatred and violence.

**We are protesting against the stationing of the two soldiers with the  
British Rhine Army in Germany!**

**We demand that the German Government and the German Foreign  
Ministry take a clear position against the stationing of the two soldiers  
in Germany and their presence in the British Army!**

**We demand of the British Government that they end this intolerable  
situation and that they instruct the British Army to discharge both  
murderers!**

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