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BRITAIN’S DESTABILIZATION ACTIONS

IN NORTHERN IRELAND

In 1972 the cries for justice were fast rising in Derry N. I. after Bloody Sunday. But the British Ministry of Defense instructed Prime Minister Heath to remind Lord Widgery that “we [Britain] are in a propaganda war.” Today the same Ministry of Defense is requiring Prime Minister Sunak to grant immunity to MI-5, British Army and police personnel for murders committed in N. I. but planned in Whitehall and #10 Downing Street. This list underscores the lengths to which the British have gone to implement a shadow destabilization policy that is intended to keep Northern Ireland under British control. Brexit is but the latest phase in manipulating democracy to conform to that policy. This list does not inspire confidence that Britain will ever tell the truth or ever take responsibility for the thousands of victims of their misrule. N. I. Secretary Heaton-Lewis remains silent on how, when or if the GFA obligation of a unity poll and a unity referendum will ever come to past. PM Johnson has claimed “…not for a very, very long time.”

* 1971-Over two days Operation Demetrius of the British Army killed 11 innocent Catholic civilians in Ballymurphy. Also, loyalists kill 15 innocent civilians in McGurks bar in Belfast. The largest loss of civilian life in Belfast since the blitz.
* March,1973-British make it easy for a flotilla of UVF terrorists to walk in and take hundreds of arms from the unguarded Forensic Lab whose alarm was disarmed.
* 1972- Springhill massacres of 5 innocent unarmed civilians by British paratroopers

preceded Bloody Sunday murders of 13 unarmed innocent civil rights protestors.

* 1972-**Lord Widgery Rep**ort blamed the victims, credited soldiers claims about being fired upon and ignored credible testimony. It took 40 years, millions of pounds before British acknowledged the actions indefensible. MoD got their grace period.
* 1973-**Hunt Report**-Recommended the RUC be disarmed. PM Thatcher and MoD made the RUC the most heavily armed and corrupt police force in Europe.
* 1971,1972 -**Compton & Parker Reports**-Police interrogation brutality widespread. Lord Gardiner dissents “that emergency conditions do not require a colonial response of abandoning laws and conducting illegal interrogations which are not morally justified.
* 1973-Introduction of juryless Diplock courts still in use in 2007
* 1974/75- MI-5 & British Army organize most senseless murders of conflict: Dublin-Monaghan bombings (34 civilians) and Miami Showband (3) collusion killings with British intelligence and police services. UK signed Helsinki Accord in 1975.
* Killing of John Crawford (1974) and Leo Norney (1976) classic cases of British obstruction of Police Ombudsman investigations, manipulation of Coroners rulings and decades of delay to cover-up collusion of security services in murdering innocent civilians.
* 1982-EU bans use of plastic bullets; British ignore.

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* 1982-Coroners Rules limiting juries and causes of death rulings in N. I. only. First step in cover-up of hundreds of killing of Catholic civilians.
* 1983-Introduction of supergrass trials with large numbers of convictions based solely on uncorroborated testimony.
* 1984-DUP Member of Assembly George Seawright publicly urged the incineration of Catholics and their priests.
* 1984-Armagh Coroner resigns after finding grave irregularities in RUC files.
* 1984 **Lord Kilbrandon Report** recommended UDR regiment be wound down. PM Thatcher responded by expanding the ONLY NON-rotating regiment of the British Army.
* 1985-Thatcher addresses Joint Session of Congress and boldly lies to Members of Congress about State sanctioned violence and murder in Ireland.
* 1985-NY Times reporter Jo Thomas abruptly returned to New York for “unexceptional reporting” on “shoot to kill” story and British Army ‘accidentally’ killing of Aidan McAnespie. She depicted TIMES complicity in British censorship in Columbia Journalism Review.
* 1986-John Stalker removed from inquiry into “shoot to kill” RUC killings in 1982; report suppressed.
* 1986 -PM Thatcher rejects ‘reform’ of Diplock courts which would have included a three-judge panel.
* 1987-Former MI-5 agent James Miller publicly claimed he had helped promote the 1974 Loyalist Ulster Workers Council to ‘destabilize’ Wilson government.
* UK AG Mayhew decides not to prosecute 11 RUC officers for reasons of “national security.”
* 1988-**Stalker/Sampson Inquiry e**nds. No report to be published.
* 1988- EU HR Court rules against detention without charge after 4 days -a provision of the Prevention of Terror Act. UK decides to ignore and derogate.
* 1989-Leading human rights solicitor Patrick Finucane assassinated at home
* 1989-**Sir John Stevens Inquiry** (1) into police practices reprimanded 18 RUC officers of 20 interviewed. None prosecuted. Collusion with British Army documented.
* 1989-UDR to be armed with plastic bullets the use of which has been widely criticized.
* 1989-**Sir John Stevens Inquiry (2)** team arrest 28 UDR members of British Army.
* 1990-Law Lords rule that officers in ‘shoot to kill” cases could not be compelled to appear at Coroners Inquests. Independent Supreme Court not created until 2008
* 1990-**Sir John Stevens Inquiry** (3) sends 34 files to DPP concerning Army, police & loyalist terrorist collusion by sharing information. Report not to be published. Brooke claims UDR essential element in anti-terror strategy, committed to justice, decency and democracy.
* 1990-**EU Court of HR** judgement against UK that 1986 arrests breached the reasonable suspicion requirement.

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1990- “Loophole’ discovered in Fair Employment Act preventing an employer from disclosing religion of an employee.

* 1990-FAIR report on Northern Ireland reporting and NYTimes removal of Jo Thomas
* 1991`-Broadcast ban retained, extended to cable and satellite, prohibiting Sinn Fein voice.
* 1991-Two more SF Members, an elected Councillor and campaign worker, assassinated.
* 1991-**UN Committee on Torture** criticized British refusal to videotape interviews with suspects.
* 1992- British Army FRU agent and UDA Intelligence officer Brian Nelson imprisoned. MI-5 assisted with his purchase of arms from South Africa. Arms later linked to 229 killings.
* 1992- The British finally ban UDA now that the MI-5 & British Army are finished using them.
* 1992-Sheena Campbell, law student and SF candidate murdered.
* 1993-**Amnesty International** criticized emergency powers act use.
* 1993-**Standing Advisory Committee on Human Rights (SACHR)** calls for end to Privy Council rule by Orders of Council and a review of the law on lethal force and video recording of RUC interviews.
* 1994 Six Catholics murdered in Loughinisland Heights Bar by loyalists with police collusion and cover-up. See 2018.
* 1998-**Amnesty International** publishes U. N Rapporteur report on the lack of safeguards for suspects arrested under emergency legislation, including restrictions on access to legal advice. Threats to lawyers widespread.
* 1998-**Belfast Treaty** (Good Friday Agreement) registered and less than 2 years later Conservative Party ***Price of Peace*** document opposes everything in the agreement

fearing most the obligations of the ECHR which could expose MI-5, Army and police lawlessness. Twenty-one references in GFA to human rights. PM Johnson promises repeal of Human Rights Act of 1998.

* 1999-**Patten Report** on policing recommends removal of MI-5 policing role and limiting it to bombings and large crowd activities. Instead, British keep MI-5 N. I. role in covert policing in a secret Annex to the St. Andrew’s Agreement.
* 1999- Series of reports from **British-Irish Rights Watch** depicting scope of murder and corruption of justice in Patrick Finucane murder, Army Force Research Unit and MI-5 collusion with loyalist killers.
* 1999-**Justice Barron Report** notes British lack of cooperation with his inquiry into Dublin-Monaghan bombing. Coded language of British response indicates involvement of MI-5 & MI-6
* Human Rights lawyer **Rosemary Nelson is murdered** by a car bomb in 1999 after returning from testifying before the Helsinki Commission in Washington, D. C. The loyalists and police warned her not to go and killed her for doing so. This is a year after the GFA was adopted

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* 2000 British Conservative manifesto, PRICE OF PEACE, by Michael Gove launches anti-GFA campaign.
* 2001-Weston Park Agreement—British ignore obligations in this pact regarding murders of lawyers Patrick Finucane and Rosemary Nelson.
* 2002-**Lawyers Committee for Human Rights Report** Beyond Collusion about killing and cover-up of murder of lawyer Patrick Finucane.
* 2002 **BBC Documentary Dirty War in N. I.**
* 2003-**Sir John Stevens Inquiry** (3) into N. I. Police collusion with Loyalist terrorists. Recommends 24 RUC for prosecution. UK declines to prosecute. Only 20-page summary released.
* 2005- Parliament passes the **Inquiries Act of 2005** intended to block any future independent public inquiries like the Saville Tribunal. Ministers given extra powers to refuse cooperation.
* Resolution H. R. 128 House International Relations Committee-condemning the assassination of Northern Ireland human rights lawyer Rosemary Nelson.
* 2006-**St. Andrew Agreement**—British attach a Annex which stipulates MI-5 will place their people in every police station in N. I in direct contradiction to the Patton Report insisting there be NO role for a MI-5 presence in the North
* 2009-**Judge Cory Report** British agencies failed to protect Rosemary Nelson, failed to give full cooperation to his inquiry. He recommended the British conduct an inquiry which they ignored.
* 2010-**Saville Report**-Documented 40 years of lying about Bloody Sunday and smearing victims. No soldiers prosecuted.
* 2011-U. S. British Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) request used to interfere in Irish Election with Gerry Adams candidacy. Britain provides no reasonable basis for the request and US Attorney General Holder rubber stamps it. No UK prosecution was ever contemplated.
* 2012-**de Silva Report**-Further cover-up of murder of Patrick Finucane and denial of promised independent and public inquiry. PM Cameron says “frightening “amount of collusion.
* Historical Enquiries Team is shut down by the British after too much success in reopening cases of Army killings and loyalist collusion to be investigated.
* 2013-**Her Majesty’s Constabulary Report** -Very critical of operation of Historical Enquiries Team and of its failure to meet EU Art. 2 investigations standards.
* 2013 **UK Rights Watch Report** 1998 Omagh bombing preventable. MI-5 & FBI starved the police in Omagh of intelligence days before bombing killing 29. See 2023

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* **2015-BBC Spotlight** on shadowy RUC Weapons and Explosives Center which was involved in planting of bombs and weapons & manipulation and destruction of evidence.
* **2017-2020—N. I.** Assembly suspended. Another form of a unionist veto used at British

direction to prevent progress.

* 2018-Judge rebukes police force and quashes warrants after public outcry over Loughlinisland documentary arrests and detention without charge of Trevor Birney and Barry McCaffrey.
* 2019- **Operation Kenova**- police inquiry into one of the most extensive spy scandals in the history of British intelligence. Prosecution recommended for 20 people including senior security force personnel and ex-IRA informer/agents. Instead, CHIS/SpyCops law

adopted absolving their spies/agents of some 250 killings related to their work in NI. No prosecutions contemplated.

* 2020-Statement of **N. I. Catholic Council on Social Affairs** leader Archbishop Eamon Martin cites British position on Overseas Operation bill in Parliament as a “deeply concerning departure from the Stormont House Agreement” and “runs contrary to established commitments.”
* 2020- Judge on UK Supreme Court rules UK in breach of their international legal obligations for Article 2 of EU human rights which” is inexcusable for a sovereign State.”
* 2021-**Covert Human Intelligence Services (CHIS)**- Parliament to legalize murder, rape and torture for secret agents in domestic or foreign service going forward and retroactively w/o approval to cover murders etc. in Northern Ireland.
* UK Supreme Court rules that N. I. Protocol to the EU-UK Withdrawal Treaty is valid and enforceable under international law.
* 2021-Command Paper 498 (7/21) promotes amnesty for all British security personnel involved in killings in N. I. No truth, justice, redress or compensation for victims’ families. Bars any government liability or redress. Lord Caine defends cover-up.
* **2021--Queens University** and **Committee on the Administration of Justice** (CAJ) report states “unconditional amnesty would signal to other governments that they too can legislate for impunity…” and evade their international obligations, close down investigations of Coronial inquiries and Police Ombudsman and eliminate any redress in courts.
* 2021-EU Human Rights Commissioner Dunja Mijatovic claims (9/23) proposals in Command Paper 498 are “incompatible with international law obligations.”
* 2/22—U. S. Congress Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission hearing (Smith&McGovern)

Hearing on Command Paper #498. More collusion documented. Documents submitted by Kenova Inq head Jon Boutcher from MI-5 but still no public hearing, no cross examination no subpoena power. No published report yet. No accountability.

* 2022-After 50 years of smearing 1971 Ballymurphy victims and lying about responsibility for their murders. Britain compensates victims.

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* 2022-Brexiteers reject Northern Ireland Protocol PM Johnson signed in 2019 and get loyalist to prevent Assembly/Executive from functioning democratically per law.
* April 11, 2023-Reported death of alleged British IRA informer Scappaticci responsible for 50 killings and witness for Kenova Inquiry into UK use of informers
* 2023-NI Secretary Heaton-Harris will NOT conduct a public inquiry about possible security forces collusion to delay Omagh bombing warnings but a statutory inquiry.
* April 26, 2023—NI Police Ombudsman Marie Anderson Report 1974 Murder of Patsy Kelly alleging cover-up.
* 2023 A Coroner’s Inquest will be held for the Springhill massacre of five including a13-year-old girl, a Catholic priest and 3 teenagers, all unarmed. The 50-year delay is a common practice in murders by “security” forces.

* September 18, 2023-- Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 (c. 41) Parliament adopted the so-called Legacy Act which ends all investigations of some 1100 killings of the total 3200 total in the conflict most of which were barely investigated and/or never granted a Coronial Inquest. Not surprisingly many of that number indicate collusion between loyalist terrorists and British Army and police in the murder of civilians. No one in Ireland wanted any part of this cover-up of murders which violates Article II of the EU constitution, effectively abandons the rule of law and directly undermines the language and principles of the GFA.

SUMMARY

This list identifies events and actions that are a key part in the destabilization of Northern Ireland. The three elements to this policy have been: a) state sanctioned violence and collusion with terrorists including those in uniform; (b) corruption of law and justice; and (c) manipulation of democratic mechanisms to imbed anti-Catholic discrimination into social

conditions. The British manipulated the media to smear and criminalize civil rights protesters. There is no consolation for the loss of 3525 lives in a conflict that purposely prolonged for 32 years (July, 1969-April, 2001). \*

Britain created the sectarian garrison of N. I. to ignore the overwhelming victory of Sinn Fein in national and County elections in 1918-1919. They have been ruling in N. I. by periodic dissolution of the N. I. Assembly to suit its purpose’s and by Orders of Privy Council when trying to avoid legislative and democratic debate and processes.

 ***\* One statistic is always kept from the media and public. Of the 1688 deaths of non-combatants(civilians) in N. I. the loyalist/British Army/MI-5 partnership accounted for 1073 (64%) nearly twice the 615 attributed to the IRA\* (36%) \*. This is a distinction with a difference. Many of the civilians killed by IRA operations were NOT the intended target but accidental and some of those like dissident Omagh bombing were allowed by MI-5 to take place to discredit the 1998 GFA. The British Army/police /loyalist collusion killings of innocent civilians were not accidental but TARGETED for murder.***

 ***The Sutton Index depicts the desperate attempts of the British to cover-up their responsibility. Adjusted totals taken from that Index removes deaths by own-goals, feuds, informers and those deaths of unknown origin***. **IRA totals not inclusive of much smaller dissident Republican or other Nationalist group killings.**

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