

## **Continued impunity for murder of journalist Martin O'Hagan in 2001**

Martin O'Hagan was murdered outside his home in Northern Ireland on 28 September 2001. Loyalist paramilitaries claimed responsibility for the murder. Following extensive inquiries and investigation, the Police Service of Northern Ireland, which operates independently of government, arrested eight suspects. Files were passed to the independent Public Prosecution Service of Northern Ireland in 2013 but it concluded that there was insufficient evidence to proceed to prosecution. Whilst there are currently no active lines of enquiry, the investigation has not been closed and the UK Government calls on anyone with information in relation to the murder of Martin O'Hagan to contact the Police Service of Northern Ireland. The UK Government condemns all attacks against journalists and the freedom of speech. We reiterate the UK's commitment to media freedom and the safety of journalists, and to bringing to justice those responsible for crimes against journalists.