

Journalist Lyra McKee killed in Northern Ireland

Lyra McKee was murdered while standing next to police officers who had come under attack by a violent dissident republican gunman during public disorder on 18 April 2019. The Police Service of Northern Ireland, which operates independently of government, continues to investigate her murder. A number of arrests have been made. In February 2020, one person was charged with murder and a second man was charged with offences connected to the rioting which preceded it. The investigation remains active and police have renewed their calls for the community to help bring Lyra's killers to justice. They have also reiterated assurances relating to anonymity for the purposes of the investigation. 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.