

Adams hits at Paterson on armband

SINN Fein president Gerry Adams clashed with Secretary of State Owen Paterson - over a wristband supporting the Army.

Mr Paterson was meeting with families from West Belfast about 1971 killings by soldiers known as the Ballymurphy Massacre.

As the relatives recounted how 11 of their loved ones were shot dead by troops, Mr Adams challenged Mr Paterson on his wearing of a wristband backing the Royal Irish Regiment at the meeting.

Government sources played down the row.

A spokesman said Mr Paterson had worn the green wristband over a lengthy period in support of troops in his North Shropshire constituency and meant no offence.