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Gerry Adams sends condolences to Veronica Guerin's family

Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams in Galway today, responding to questions on the killing of journalist Veronica Guerin, expressed his regret at her death and extended his condolences to her family and friends. Mr Adams said:

"I knew Veronica Guerin having first met her several years ago and it was with regret that I learned of her death yesterday probably at the hands of a Dublin based criminal gang.

"It is worth noting that estimates put the number of people involved in the drugs trade; in Dublin alone, at between 3000 and 5000. Hundreds of people have died as a result of this scourge; mainly in Dublin but also throughout the entire country.

"The government should have long ago taken steps to effectively tackle the drugs menace which has mostly effected the poorer working class areas of our country. Now that a high profile person has been killed perhaps we will see more effective action taken." ENDS