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Allister: What repercussions will flow over Quinn murder?

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Statement from Jim Allister MEP:

"Indications from the IMC that IRA members were involved in murdering Paul Quinn raise serious political issues which must not be swept under the carpet. Whether the murder was centrally sanctioned is neither the issue nor a let-out. The fact that a gang of IRA members murdered Quinn makes it an IRA murder, no ifs, no buts! However inconvenient the truth that IRA men murdered Quinn, three immediate consequences flow:-

1. Sinn Fein is exposed again as lying in denying IRA involvement.
2. The IRA, contrary to the eye-wiping pretence, has not given up violence, if members can set up and perpetrate murder.
3. The DUP stands exposed as being reckless in accepting the IRA at its word and in consequence admitting their frontmen to government. On 22 October the DUP Officers said, *"If it emerges that the Provisional IRA was involved there will undoubtedly be serious repercussions for the political process in Northern Ireland."* Now, it is becoming undeniably clear that the IRA was indeed involved, I await, more in hope than expectation, to see what repercussions will actually flow."

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