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## DISSIDENT REPUBLICAN PROTEST PLANS CONTAIN POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE

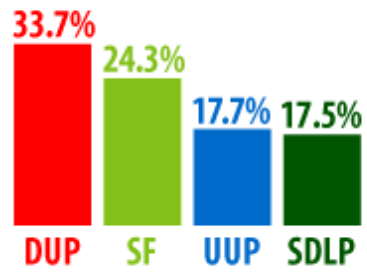
Responding to the appearance of posters throughout Lurgan and the Garvaghy Road in Portadown urging people to go to Belfast and protest against the Armed Forces Homecoming Parade, Upper Bann DUP MLA Stephen Moutray said:

*“The deeply irresponsible actions of Sinn Fein in applying to the Parades Commission to organise a demonstration against the homecoming parade in Belfast has now been compounded by the actions of the dissident republican groups in Portadown and Lurgan. The appearance of macabre posters showing the initials “RIR” dripping in blood will cause a great deal of anxiety and hurt throughout the community. I have no doubt that what we are witnessing is an attempt by the dissident groups to out-Sinn Fein, Sinn Fein by organising their own demonstration, illegally and without recourse to the Parades Commission.*

*What we have seen in Lurgan and Portadown is that these groups and their supporters have in the past had no compunction about resorting to violence. Two sets of competing Republicans on the streets undoubtedly contains potential for violence to flair. It is important that such facts figure prominently in the Parades Commission’s thinking when adjudicating on the application from Sinn Fein for a parade and demonstration.*

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*It is very sad to witness the antics of both Sinn Fein and the dangerous dissident groups over this issue. The homecoming parade is a thanksgiving for the safe return of men and women who have served their country in very dangerous circumstances. It is also a commemoration of those who left our shores but never returned home alive. I strongly urge Sinn Fein to withdraw their application and show sensitivity to the feelings of those who want to show their appreciation for the soldiers returning home from theatres of conflict around the world."*

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