

Join us in our vision: A Better Way to a Better Ireland



Latest News Events Key Speeches Photo Gallery

TWO GOVERNMENTS MUST NOT SHIELD QUINN MURDERERS - BRADLEY

Back to Latest News

SDLP Newry and Armagh MLA Dominic Bradley said justice for the Quinn family must not be sacrificed on the altar of political expediency by the two governments.

He said: "The Quinn family and all the people of South Armagh are frankly stunned by the noises coming out of Dublin and London on the brutal murder of Paul Quinn. The sudden emergence of the Sinn Fein line about criminal feuds and no Provo involvement makes absolutely no sense except as a device to save Sinn Fein from facing the truth.

"From the very first, the Garda information indicated clear paramilitary involvement, as did all the information circulating in the area. Even without strong local knowledge of the threats that had been made and the very credible exiling order against Paul in the name of the Provisional IRA, the whole chain of events at the scene of the crime pointed in one direction.

"The IMC report, based on Garda and PSNI intelligence, stated very bluntly that Paul was murdered by current or former members or associates of the Provisional IRA. Yet within 24 hours the Irish government's line was the exact opposite, and it was immediately echoed in London. The reason was clear in the panic in the faces and voices of Sinn Fein spokespersons.

"The two governments must not shield murder and murderers. The level at which this murder was sanctioned may be politically sensitive, but they should not run away from their responsibilities even if Sinn Fein does. The level of sanction is actually irrelevant to the people of South Armagh, since it is clearly local sanction that matters. That is why we are insisting on the dismantling of the local murder machine where the death warrants are signed and executed."

ENDS

17-11-07

Back to Latest News



Latest SDLP Policy Documents Download PDF copies



Home Contact

©Copyright SDLP 2007