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BRADLEY RAISES QUINN CASE WITH GOGGINS

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SDLP Newry and Armagh MLA Dominic Bradley raised the murder of Paul Quinn when a party delegation met with Security Minister Paul Goggins.

Mr Bradley said: “Given the most recent statements emanating from the two governments, I asked Mr Goggins whether he accepted the IMC view that the murder was carried out members of the Provisional IRA. He told me he did not disagree with their assessment, but he had noted that the IMC made no comment on the level at which the murder was sanctioned.

“I told him very clearly that this focus on the level of sanction may be politically sensitive, but it should be immaterial in a murder case. It 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.

“The safety and security of my constituents requires that command structures must be broken up, not just nationally but locally as well. It is incumbent on the two governments to bring pressure to bear on Sinn Fein and the rest of the Provisional movement to ensure that the machinery of war and command structures go out of existence.”

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