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DURKAN TO MEET BALLYMURPHY FAMILIES

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Mark Durkan MLA, Leader SDLP is meeting with Relatives for Justice and the Ballymurphy Families on Monday 18 August 2008 at 2.00 pm Parliament Buildings, Stormont, Belfast.

He will be accompanied by SDLP West Belfast representatives Cllr Tim Attwood and Margaret Walsh.

Between 9th and 11th August 1971 eleven people were killed in the Ballymurphy area of West Belfast. All eleven were killed by the British Army's Parachute Regiment. All eleven were unarmed civilians. One of the dead was a parish priest, another a mother of eight children. Forty seven children were left without a parent.

Cllr Tim Attwood said, "The SDLP expresses its deep sympathy to the families of the eleven civilians killed by the British Army between 9th and 11th August 1971 in and around Ballymurphy, believes that the British Government should acknowledge the innocence of those killed and issues a public apology and calls for the establishment of an independent truth process to investigate the circumstances of all the deaths."

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