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DURKAN MEETS BALLYMURPHY FAMILIES

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SDLP Leader Mark Durkan MLA met the families of 11 people killed in Ballymurphy at the introduction of internment in 1971 at Parliament Buildings today. He was accompanied by West Belfast representatives Cllr Tim Attwood and Margaret Walsh. The meeting was also attended by the Relatives For Justice organisation.

Tim Attwood said the Ballymurphy killings were one of the darkest episodes of the Troubles: “Between 9th and 11th August 1971 11 people were killed in Ballymurphy. All were killed by the British Army’s Parachute Regiment. All were unarmed civilians. One of the dead was a parish priest, another was a mother of eight. A total of 47 children were left without a parent.”

Mark Durkan pledged his support for the Ballymurphy Families and promised to seek to have a motion drafted by Alex Attwood MLA put before the Assembly:

“The Assembly expresses its deep sympathy to the families of the 11 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 issue a public apology; and calls for the establishment of an independent truth process to investigate the circumstances of all the deaths.”

Mr Durkan also offered to facilitate the families if they should wish to visit Westminster as part of their campaign. The SDLP were present at the unveiling of a mural to commemorate the victims in Ballymurphy during the Feile.

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