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Ulster Unionist MLA's joined hundreds of people who attended a silent vigil at the City Hall in Belfast and across Northern Ireland today. Protests also took place in Lisburn, Londonderry, Downpatrick and Newry.

Speaking after the event at City Hall, Chief Whip of the Ulster Unionist Party Fred Cobain MLA said:

"Today standing in solidarity with people from across the community in Northern Ireland my colleagues and I attended the vigil at the City Hall to send the dissidents a clear message that they will not succeed and that they have no support within Northern Ireland. Standing alongside people from across the political divide the protest today showed that society has resolutely rejected terrorism. Those who carried out the evil attacks killing Mark Quinsey, from Birmingham, Patrick Azimkar, from London and Constable Stephen Paul Carroll from Banbridge will not win."

"This was a poignant meeting where I am sure many people reflected upon the tragic events of the weekend and their desire that we should never return to the dark days of our past."

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