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**Andrews outraged by calculated brutality of Poyntzpass killings**

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr David Andrews, T.D., has said that he was "outraged by the calculated brutality of the double murder at Poyntzpass. My heart goes out to the families of another two innocent victims, and to all who live under the shadow of such violent hatred.

These killings are a direct assault on the efforts of the Governments and the Talks participants to deliver a permanent peace by political means. Those who commit such appalling acts are the enemies of the overwhelming majority of people who yearn for peace and believe in democracy. There is an obligation on political leaders to ensure that those who are desperate to obstruct political progress, and are prepared to resort to cold blooded murder, are not allowed to have their way".

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