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"Sinn Fein coat-trailing again"

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Statement by Jim Allister MEP:

"Monday's coat-trailing exercise in Brussels by Sinn Fein, based on outlandish claims about collusion in the Loughanisland Murders, in itself shows how insincere Sinn Fein is about moving forward. Its preference for wallowing in the mire of finger-pointing at the security forces shows nothing is really changing in Sinn Fein/IRA. They expect everyone else to overlook and forget their gruesome past, but insist on spurious muck-raking against the security forces.

The Loughanisland murders, like all terrorist crimes, were indeed a terrible outrage, whose perpetrators deserve to be convicted and severely punished - through the judicial process which Sinn Fein refuses to support. But, of course, if convicted, thanks to the Belfast Agreement of Sinn Fein and others, they would walk free, like so many other terrorists before them.

Loughanisland, of course, also features infamously in our troubled past for another reason. It was there, less than 2 years ago, that the IRA's Northern Bank robbery squad held hostage one of the staff and kidnapped his wife. Base hypocrites that they are, Sinn Fein came to Brussels demanding transparency on the Loughanisland killings, but to this day deny ownership of their IRA's own handiwork at Loughanisland in the Northern Bank robbery."

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