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Eames/Bradley Commission should be 'ashamed of itself'

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Statement by Traditional Unionist MEP Jim Allister:

“The Eames/Bradley Commission ought to be ashamed of itself if it is considering whitewashing the past by creating circumstances where an amnesty would be afforded to vile terrorists. Historical revisionism is nothing new – the Provos have been at it for years, seeking to present their grubby terror as “a just war”. To now have it suggested that Lord Eames will help them on with it is appalling.

What Northern Ireland endured was an insurrection of terrorism, waged not by soldiers but by low-life criminals who planted cowardly car bombs, shot their victims in the back, but never stood to fight, face to face, as soldiers do. It must not be sanitised in any shape or form.

Innocent victims want justice, nothing more, nothing less, and the reward of amnesty has no part to play in such. We’ve had the due process of the law emasculated enough by the early releases of the Belfast agreement, without adding further insult. If this is how the Eames/Bradley Commission is thinking, then it should be wound up immediately.”

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