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Eames-Bradley suggestions amount to amnesty

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Statement by TUV Leader Jim Allister MEP:-

“With the IRA represented at the highest level in the Stormont government, the prospect of the Eames/Bradley Commission - itself peopled by the politically compliant - doing anything serious to advance justice for the thousands of victims of terrorism, was always remote. Now, as their thinking unfolds, it is clear the denial of justice and safeguarding of terrorist perpetrators will be the product of their deliberations.

“Immunity is but amnesty under another guise. It might be politically convenient to trade selective information for amnesty, but it is not justice. Increasingly since 1998 prosecution of terrorism has been viewed as unhelpful to "the peace process". Now, an attempt will be made to close the books through the Eames/Bradley proposals by sweeping everything under the immunity/amnesty table. Meanwhile McGuinness and his IRA can keep their secrets, pursuant to "the republican code of honour", and at the same time rule over the land the IRA so viciously terrorised. Such is how justice has been trampled in the Ulster of the Belfast Agreement, and just to rub it in McGuinness has joint and equal responsibility for victims - what a farce.”

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