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DUP RESPONDS TO IMC REPORT

DUP Member of Parliament for East Londonderry, Gregory Campbell has responded to the publication of the most recent report of the eighteenth Independent Monitoring Commission. Speaking today Mr. Campbell said:

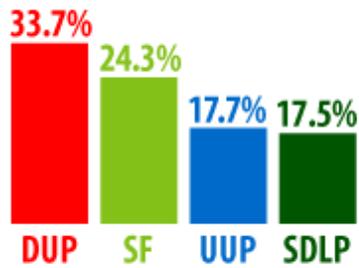


"The DUP views obedience to the rule of law as a central pillar to democratic politics. We do not accept that political parties can have a dual-stance on support for the police. Indeed whilst others sought, on the basis of nod-and-wink agreements to accommodate such a position we have ensured Republicans pledge their support for the police, the courts and the rule of law.

This latest report from the Independent Monitoring Commission shows that progress has been made in Northern Ireland since the publication of their last report. The fact that engagement between the police and communities who never would have talked with them before is taking place is a welcome development.

Whilst we note the IMC conclusion that the PIRA was not involved in the brutal

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murder of Paul Quinn it is clear that some of those involved in the incident were “local members or former members or associates of the organisation.” The IMC concludes that the PIRA was not organisationally involved but the only conclusive way for the republican movement to disassociate itself from such activities is to completely stand down the organisation by disbanding the PIRA Army Council. Where the PIRA is not active there is no need for the continued existence of such a structure. Its existence remains a negative influence in communities such as South Armagh.

I welcome the fact that so far the police have received leads on this crime, many more than would have been the case in the past with similar acts. This cooperation with the police should continue so that all evidence can be brought forward. The DUP has had meetings with the Chief Constable to discuss the matter and will be having further such meetings to discuss progress in the investigation. The Party will also be monitoring information from our own security and intelligence sources.

The individuals responsible for Mr. Quinn’s murder regardless of who they are, should be apprehended and face the full rigour of the law. That is what people throughout Northern Ireland want to see and is consistent with our view that no one should be above the law and everyone should be equally subject to the law. This would then allow everyone to take a considered view on what must be done politically to reinforce the requirement that all those in Government must be totally committed to support for the rule of law.

The report also addressed the continued existence of the so-called Loyalist paramilitary groups and the criminality in which they are engaged. Working-class Unionists, in the socially-deprived communities in which these criminal gangs operate want to see them disappearing from the scene entirely. We recognise that some individuals within these communities are making significant efforts and are committed to ending paramilitarism and promoting respect for the rule of law.

The continued existence and actions of dissident republicans is concerning however we welcome recent operations from the police where arrests have been made. The sporadic nature of such groups complicates the task before the police as intelligence information is scarce but the police must continue their commitment to putting these groups out of business.”

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