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## CAMPBELL CONDEMNS CHANNEL FOUR REVISIONISM OVER HUNGER STRIKERS

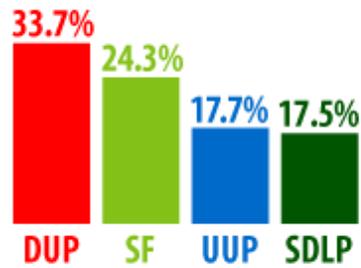
East Londonderry DUP Member of Parliament, Gregory Campbell has tabled a parliamentary motion concerning the planned airing of a film by Channel 4 depicting the life of IRA hunger striker and convicted terrorist Bobby Sands. Mr. Campbell condemned the flattering comments made by a senior Channel 4 executive concerning Sands and the other IRA hunger strikers. Mr. Campbell said:



*“Bobby Sands was a convicted terrorist who belonged to an illegal paramilitary organisation that at the time of his death had already inflicted death and serious injury upon hundreds of innocent people in Northern Ireland. The fact that a bloodthirsty terrorist criminal chooses to starve himself to death in prison does not in any way legitimise or justify the barbaric terrorism in which they were engaged.*

*People in Northern Ireland can testify better than any Channel 4 film maker to the true nature of the campaign waged by the Provisional IRA. They were not, in any one way, attempting to “make their world better” as has been claimed. They were in fact*

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*engaged in a grubby sectarian campaign against their neighbours and fellow countrymen both Roman Catholic and Protestant.*

*Bobby Sands and the other hunger strikers were criminals not idealistic young revolutionaries. During his time in custody rose Sands rose through the IRA ranks to become their leader in the Maze. Senior IRA criminals are not deserving of the hagiography that Channel 4 seems to be dispensing. Perhaps next time they commission a film about what went on in Northern Ireland they could do profile of the many innocent victims who have had their lives shattered by the people Channel 4 is lionising."*

**GREGORY CAMPBELL'S PARLIAMENTARY MOTION READS:**

*"That this House notes the news that Channel 4 is set to show a film depicting the life of convicted terrorist Bobby Sands, condemns the revisionism in the statement by Channel 4's commissioning chief regarding the decision to show the film, that "it is the right moment to be revisiting and reconsidering the ideals of these young men who put themselves and others through a great deal for their belief that they could make their world better"; declares that Sands, and all other convicted terrorists offered and delivered only anguish, death and misery to all peace loving law abiding people of all faiths in Northern Ireland, throughout the U.K. and the other nations where they attempted to wreak their havoc, and commends all those who peacefully and democratically, stood up to Sands and all other terrorists."*

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