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BROADCAST HOMECOMING PARADE SAYS DUP DEPUTY LEADER

Nigel Dodds, Deputy Leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, has called upon the BBC and UTV to provide live broadcasting of the armed forces homecoming parade so that the greatest number of people in Northern Ireland will be able to enjoy the event. The senior DUP MP said it was important for the whole community to feel part of this special occasion. Nigel Dodds said:

"The armed forces homecoming parade on Sunday is an event for everyone. On that day we will not only show our



appreciation and support for the bravery of our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, but we will also remember those who did not return home alive from theatres of conflict. Every time I meet our soldiers I am struck by their professionalism, courage and sense of duty. This is an event to show them that we care deeply about the sacrifices that they have made.

I know that many people have taken a close interest in this event and will be attending the parade in Belfast on Sunday: however I believe there is sufficient support throughout the community for this event to be broadcast live as it happens. People



from all around Northern Ireland will want to watch as we pay tribute to our soldiers returning home from such difficult and hazardous missions.

Therefore I am calling upon the BBC and UTV to broadcast this event live on Sunday morning. For the BBC this would present an opportunity to redeem themselves a little in the eyes of the wider community following their disgraceful Maze prison breakout documentary."

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