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MP EXPRESSES CONCERN AT CHIEF CONSTABLE'S ENQUIRIES REPORT

Following the Chief Constable's report to the Policing Board where he highlighted that the resources needed for investigating murders from the Troubles have the potential to interfere with policing plans for the future, the DUP's Policing Board member and Lagan Valley MP Jeffrey Donaldson said,



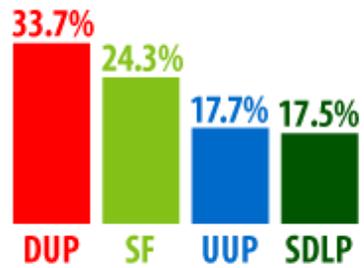
"This latest report by Sir Hugh is concerning and gives sound reason for discussion as to how enquiries stemming from the Troubles are managed.

The report indicated that in 2007 approximately £14 million will be spent and 288 staff will be dedicated, to investigating murders from the Troubles. We must be careful that such a commitment of manpower and finance does not have an adverse impact on future policing arrangements.

As a result of the Troubles, there are over 2000 unsolved murders in Northern Ireland.

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The families of those victims deserve justice and it is important that the police are enabled to fully investigate those crimes. Unfortunately there has not been a level playing field for victims and while a few murders have been investigated through costly enquiries there are hundreds of other murders which have not received the same attention. This has created a hierarchy of victims which is not acceptable.

It is important that there is a clear framework for enquiries in Northern Ireland as they must not become politically motivated exercises where millions of pounds are poured into the pockets of lawyers. Such an approach causes grave anguish for the loved ones of other victims whose case is not investigated with the same vigour.”

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