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Latest News:

UUP SHOULD WORK WITH DUP TO DELIVER FOR VICTIMS

Commenting the DUP's Lagan Valley MP Jeffrey Donaldson said,

"As Tom Elliott has stated, the DUP has a very clear and consistent policy on the definition of a victim. The terrorist and the victim of terrorism can never be equated. The First Minister made this point during First Minister's Questions stating;

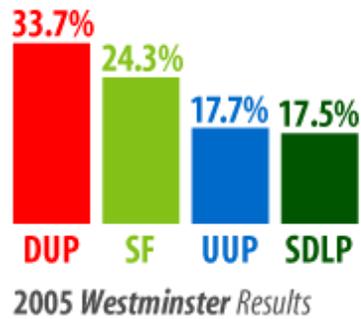
"We are talking about victims and not those that made them victims. It is the victims that we will look after."

[Northern Ireland Assembly 3rd March 2008]

"I want to make it clear that there is a difference between the perpetrators of violence and those who suffer from violence.....I know what it means to stand in someone's home and see people wailing their hearts out as a result of the murders that were committed."



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[Northern Ireland Assembly 4th February 2008]

For Tom Elliott to criticise the DUP's achievements for victims stinks of hypocrisy. His own party neglected matters of importance to victims. Tom Elliott's Ulster Unionist Party presided over the release of all terrorist prisoners which was a most repulsive act for all innocent victims. When the widows of murdered RUC and UDR men struggled to make ends meet the Ulster Unionist Party stood by and watched but took no action.

The DUP made a commitment to the electorate to get a fair deal for victims and shortly after becoming the largest party we got to work on delivering for victims through Bertha McDougal's interim report. This report outlined many of the issues which need addressed. So far we have delivered £36 million which is the largest ever allocation of funding for the needs of victims and a Commission set aside to ensure that victims have a voice in Northern Ireland.

It is high time that Tom Elliott and his UUP colleagues stopped trying to score political points at the expense of victims. Rather than doing this surely it would be in the best interest of victims if the UUP was to work with us to address the issues of concern to those who have suffered so much."

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