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Latest News: **Justice must be done - Donaldson**

DUP Member of Parliament for Lagan Valley, Jeffrey Donaldson has said that the Northern Ireland public want to see the execution of justice without any technicalities or administrative errors clogging up the judicial process. The MP was speaking after five terrorist suspects were released from custody in Antrim Serious Crime Suite. Speaking today Jeffrey Donaldson said:

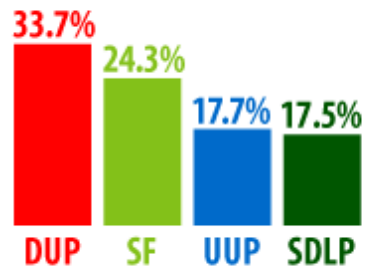


"I am disappointed that a technical error meant that these terrorist suspects had to be released before the police could conclude their enquiries. This development does not in any way reflect upon the police who have done their duty with professionalism and conducted themselves entirely appropriately.

It is regrettable that this measure had to be taken to correct a mistake made not by the police but by the initial judge who dealt with these suspects. Now that some have been re-arrested I want to assure the police that they continue to have the complete and utter support of the Democratic Unionist Party. People want to see justice visited upon those responsible for the brutal and wicked murders of Constable Stephen Carroll and Sappers Mark Quinsey and Patrick Azimkar.

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This development will have, for many people, sad echoes of the worst days of Northern Ireland's history. How many times during the conflict here did evil terrorists get off because of some technical or administrative error? Such mistakes should not happen now.

The DUP continues to back our police service as they do their duty. The best thing that can happen now is that the media circus which some have done their best to create around these arrests and the conditions which terrorist suspects are being held in, is wound up. Let us give the police and the courts the space they need to do their jobs.

Justice must be done. The Northern Ireland public demands it and will take a very dim view of anyone, elected politician or quangocrat, who tries to hinder that."

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