HAUGHEY MEETS WITH TAOISEACH ON COLLUSION

SDLP Assembly Candidate for Newry and Armagh Sharon Haughey today joined with a number of families whose relatives were murdered in the 1970’s to meet with the Taoiseach Bertie Ahern in Dublin. Speaking after the meeting Miss Haughey stated:

"These families have suffered for over 30 years losing their loved ones in brutal shootings and bombings in the 1970’s.

"We met with the Taoiseach today to ask him and the Irish Government to ensure the full truth about the extent of collusion in these killings is told. I told the Taoiseach that in order for the people in the north of Ireland to move towards a better future, we must address the deepest hurt of our past. One of the greatest scandals of the troubles is the extent of collusion in the killings of innocent people.

"The SDLP is fighting hard to ensure that the truth about collusion is uncovered and I asked the Taoiseach to continue to do likewise, so that these families can finally have closure and our communities can move forward”

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