

Statement from Fred Cobain on Police Ombudsman's Report

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Speaking after the publication of the Ombudsman's Report today, UUP MLA and Police Board Member Fred Cobain said,



“The Ombudsman's report raises serious allegations over the behaviour of individual police officers.

The allegations paint a picture that falls far short of the integrity and professional ethics that citizens expect of police officers.

If such behaviour can be proven then naturally prosecutions should follow. In the absence of hard facts leading to prosecution this report will be seen as one-sided.

Citizens rightly judge the police by a higher standard - the rule of law. It's what sets our society apart from the terrorists. Those whose agenda is hell-bent on tarnishing the memory of the RUC should not be given carte blanche to do so.

The UUP is concerned that we are creating a one sided so called truth commission. Who, for example, is investigating the conspiracies and sabotage of republicans during this period?

A time must come when this community draws a line under past events. Regrettably there will never be full justice for all.

The sacrifice of the RUC enabled our society to survive the Troubles, and give us an opportunity for a fresh start.

It is up to us now, on behalf of a new generation, to seize that opportunity and ensure that the enormous sacrifice of all the security forces were not in vain.”

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