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SF very selective over who needs Public Inquiries - Elliott

E-mail to a friend *June 28th, 2007 Tom Elliott MLA*



Ulster Unionist Assembly member for Fermanagh & South Tyrone, Tom Elliott MLA has accused Sinn Fein of being very selective in their calls for public inquiries for only nationalists who were killed during the troubles and have shown a total disregard for Protestants who were killed by the IRA during their 30 year campaign of terror in Northern Ireland

Tom said: "Following the announcement this week by the Public Prosecution Service that no one was to be charged in connection with the murder of Pat Finucane in 1989, Sinn Fein is demanding a fully independent inquiry. The announcement of the appointment of Al Hutchinson as the new Police Ombudsman, which I welcome was tempered by certain nationalist politicians that he must not draw a line under the past.

Sinn Fein have an insatiable demand over so called state murders but seem to forget the thousands of Protestants that were killed by the IRA but do not demand inquiries for those victims. The Enniskillen Remembrance day massacre in 1987 which killed 11 people , the Teebane massacre in 1992 which killed 8 people , the La Mon massacre in 1978 when 12 people were incinerated and the countless other forgotten innocent Protestant families who were victims of the IRA- but never have received any closure or convictions for those who were responsible.

The Bloody Sunday Inquiry has lasted 8 years and has cost £400m and we still await the outcome, of which Sinn Fein may not accept the findings. This £400m would have paid for more than 15,000 nurses or replaced or antiquated water infrastructure. The two things about any public inquiries are that they are very expensive and rarely satisfy anybody!


Protestant victims deserve the same level of justice and closure as Nationalists and are still pleading for justice over many years and feel they are not treated with the same seriousness that they deserve. Sinn Fein were elevated to power in the Stormont Executive on 8 May 2007 and still found time on this date to glorify the terrorists who died at Loughgall 20 years prior and whose mission was to kill security forces .

Lord Tebbitt, himself a victim of the IRA at Brighton posed a relevant question in the House of Lords, asking how many terrorists are in the NI Executive and would they ever admit their part in a murderous campaign to a public inquiry, I think highly unlikely!

The Office of First Minister and Deputy First Minister has the responsibility for the victims unit and perhaps our First Minister, Dr Paisley should ask his "new friend", Martin McGuinness would he advocate a public inquiry into Enniskillen, Teebane and La Mon massacres and many more, as these victims have a right to know the truth.

Sinn Fein is not in the politics of condemnation of the IRA but of course they condemn everyone else."

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