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### UUP Representatives respond to RUC Civic Action Court Ruling

E-mail to a friend *June 29th, 2007 Basil McCrea MLA*



Commenting in response to today's court ruling which allows former RUC officers to proceed with claims relating to the trauma they suffered during the Troubles, UUP Policing Board member, and Lagan Valley MLA, Basil McCrea said:

"In his ruling, the judge rightly identified the emotional stress of serving in the midst of a terror campaign as being every bit as devastating as the physical effect of bomb and bullet. So many of us will never know the stress experienced by those who served in Northern Ireland during the murderous heights of terrorist violence.

"We presently enjoy a period of peace which owes much to the commitment and dedication shown by men and women of the RUC down through the years. This court ruling recognises their pain and trauma in standing tall against the forces of terror. I trust today's judgement goes some way toward offering some solace and restitution for former officers."

UUP Spokesperson on Victims Issues Derek Hussey welcomed the determination as it would "enable those officers who undoubtedly have suffered extreme stress and trauma to seek what they are entitled to".

He added: "Throughout the period of our 'Troubles' there were those who claimed to be victims and now the courts have recognised the victimisation of our security forces."

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