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Response to the Hillsborough handover

IRA/Sinn Fein has long targeted the transfer of policing and justice to the terrorist-inclusive Executive at Stormont as a key strategic demand.

Their 2005 manifesto succinctly put it like this: “***Our strategy is for a new all-Ireland policing and justice system. That cannot be achieved without the transfer of policing and justice powers away from London, into an Executive and Assembly and the all-Ireland institutions.***”

Now, by putting the gun to the DUP’s head, the ‘*never never*’ Party meekly rolled over and gifted them the prize they sought. But, of course, it will not be enough for insatiable Sinn Fein. Already, Gerry Adams is describing their victory as a ‘***staging post***’. A staging post to where – only the DUP don’t seem to get it, or is clinging to office just more important?

This is a bad and humiliating deal for Unionism that gives a crushing **7-1** victory for IRA/Sinn Fein. Once more push-over Unionism has delivered the Sinn Fein agenda.

SINN FEIN 7

- 1) The meeting of their demand for an early date for the transfer of policing & justice from London to their terrorist-inclusive Executive: **12th April**.
- 2) A Sinn Fein veto within the Executive on every legislative proposal from the Justice Minister and every financial allocation to him.
- 3) Working Group to make progress on the promotion of the Irish Language, with a programme to enhance and protect the development of the Irish language.
- 4) Working Group to examine the case for additional bodies and areas of co-operation within the North South Ministerial Council.
- 5) Working Group to recommend progress on the establishment of a North-South parliamentary forum.
- 6) Working Group to recommend progress on the establishment of a North-South civic forum.
- 7) Working Group to recommend progress on a Single Equality Bill – a longstanding Sinn Fein demand.



Why was Brian Cowen even at Hillsborough? The devolution of policing & justice is a Strand 1 issue, something supposedly for the UK and NI parties **alone**. Yet, there was a foreign Prime Minister meddling in the middle of it all, without a whimper of protest from the DUP. Having given us **joint authority** with IRA/Sinn Fein in Stormont, it seems the DUP has now bought into even wider joint authority!

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And what did the DUP get in return?

A review of a review of the Parades Commission! But meantime the Parades Commission stays, possibly being replaced at some point with a system of enforced dialogue between the Loyal Orders and republican objectors and adjudicators appointed by the Joint First Ministers. How ensuring that Martin McGuinness can appoint his own placemen as adjudicators is likely to resolve parading issues is unclear to us, but it is being trumpeted as a great victory by the DUP!

With nothing else to put in this column, let us remind you of some of the DUP’s broken promises on policing and justice:

- **Timeframe:** Both Peter Robinson and Nigel Dodds spoke of the passage of political lifetimes. Gregory Campbell then added 6 years to the mix. Lord Morrow promised this Assembly would never have policing & justice powers.
- **Pre-conditions:** Jeffrey Donaldson once made the abolition of the IRA Army Council a pre-condition, but now it can stay. He then guaranteed retention of the Full-time Police Reserve as a pre-condition, but now it can go!
- **Parades:** The Parades Commission had to go, now a review of a review is enough!

Items 3-7 overleaf are key Sinn Fein demands that are now embedded in the Hillsborough Agreement and if not advanced to their satisfaction will provide their next focus of grievance. At a time of their choosing they will once again hold government to ransom, put the gun to the DUP's head and extract fresh concessions. Little wonder Sinn Fein constantly refer to "the process" and "staging posts". The truth is Sinn Fein left Hillsborough triumphant and on the way to their next staging post.



Among the big lies deployed to sell this defeat by IRA/Sinn Fein is the pretence that devolving policing & justice to this Stormont is in the likeness of Carson. What an insult. Carson's life and legacy was devoted to keeping Ulster out of republican control; gifting policing and justice to a terrorist-inclusive Executive is the very antithesis of traditional Unionism.

Sadly, the DUP's legacy is of empowering republicanism, first as Joint First Minister and now by transferring policing & justice to an Executive in which IRA/Sinn Fein holds a toxic veto.

Remember, this is only an interim deal till May 2012. Then, Sinn Fein will be back for more. **Old Bailey Bomber Kelly's ambition to be your Justice Minister is merely delayed.**

Meantime, of course, Sinn Fein gets some immediate Justice powers, because the moment policing and justice is devolved **Martin McGuinness**, as Joint First Minister, gets to jointly appoint the Attorney General and the **Judicial Appointments Commission**.

So, McGuinness the personification of the wicked campaign which murdered judges - **something he has never said was wrong** - will get to handpick those who will appoint our judges.

The TUV position is very clear: The organisation which murdered policemen and judges should not get within a devolutionary mile of policing & justice.



The scene of Lord Justice Gibson's murder by Sinn Fein's IRA



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