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**Farrell memorial banned**

**Mairead Farrell**

A Stormont memorial for Mairead Farrell, one of three IRA members shot dead by the SAS in Gibraltar 20 years ago, was banned tonight.

The Sinn Fein-backed commemoration was due to take place in the Long Gallery at Parliament Buildings tomorrow as part of celebrations to mark International Women`s Day.

However, the Assembly`s governing body decided it was not appropriate to hold the controversial event in the room.

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On 6 Mar at 16:36 - youth from west belfast said:

In my opinion Mairead, Dan and Sean were not terrorists, they were freedom fighters, I think the only terrorists in Ireland our the British who will not give the north of Ireland its freedom. I hope we get to remember Mairead in the Long Gallery.

On 6 Mar at 19:05 - judiann from USA said:

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Probably a memorial to the heros of either side of the recent troubles would not be appropriately located in the Stormont Parliament building or grounds. It belongs to everybody. A more appropriate loction for these memorials would be in the home town or county of the person gone on to the great beyond where God treats all as equals. jd

On 6 Mar at 20:31 - WJ from Newry said:

The only freedom the Irish people desire is to be free from the so called freedom fighters. They have caused untold misery in our land.

On 6 Mar at 21:14 - Pauline from Co Down said:

Catch yourself on, of course they were terrorists! I notice that you have entitled yourself a "youth", which probably means you don't really remember the troubles (thankfully). Of course they shouldn't be allowed to hold it in Stormont, I can't understand why they would want to, except only to stir up trouble!

On 6 Mar at 22:28 - Mark A Stott from Lancs, England said:

In my opinion those who see Republican Terrorists as freedom fighters, have no more faith in a viable creed, than Dick Turpin had in the highwayman's code and might just as well devote their efforts to campaigning for a Dick Turpin statue to be erected outside New Scotland Yard and twinned with one outside the Dail.

On 6 Mar at 22:48 - Rina from Ireland said:

Leaders that have given up any fight for any freedom (and who are even have the cheek of advising other occupied nations "how to behave good and get rewards from the occupiers for that") were going to commemorate Mairead Farrell? Guys, you can't sit on two chairs...

On 6 Mar at 23:00 - NORAH QUINN from BELFAST said:

In my opinion the Gibraltar Three were murdered by the S A S.The British Army could have arrested these people and tried them in a court of law. the Gibraltar Three were not armed and the S A S knew this, but they were ordered to shoot to kill as they had done so many times before.The whole world knows this.

On 6 Mar at 23:04 - Liam from Ny said:

Dont give us your propaganda,they were on their way to blow up innocent people

On 6 Mar at 23:06 - Brendan from Chicago said:

I couldn't agree more, youth. I think it's only right that Mairead gets a dserving memorial.

On 6 Mar at 23:42 - andrew from londonderry said:

freedom fighter or terrorist, who cares? the main thing is she's out of the picture. you can put a plaque for her on the end of my street if you want. all i care about is that she's dead and thats all that matters.

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