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Sinn Fein calls for RIR parade to be cancelled

Sinn Fein has repeated its demand for the Royal Irish Regiment homecoming parade to be called off.

Sinn Fein calls for end to parade

MEP Bairbre de Brun said it was not too late for the MoD to cancel its plans.

"Sinn Fein are calling for the British Ministry of Defence to call off the British Army parade planned for Belfast this weekend.

"This parade is insensitive, rash and completely unnecessary."

Unionist politicians have accused republicans of creating a recipe for public disorder, claiming they could have held a march to express their opposition at another time.

While Sinn Fein has pledged its protest will be peaceful, DUP First Minister Peter Robinson accused the party of acting recklessly and irresponsibly by bringing people on to the streets.

Unionists have also criticised the Parades Commission, the body that adjudicates on contentious marches in the region, for not placing tighter restrictions on the Sinn Fein event.

The commission has stressed that it wanted to accommodate the parade and "a legitimate protest in a way which ensures that peace is maintained".



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On 28 Oct at 18:42 - OldSod from Fermanagh said:

For goodness sake. What a bunch of children. A parade full of youngsters too young to remember the troubles, who are just lucky to get home to their families. If SF was serious about an anti-war stance, they should have protested when the troops left for Afghanistan, not when they return. I guess its just about good old fashioned anti-britishness,.. If they really want to tackle issues, why don't they worry more about the mess our education system is in?

On 28 Oct at 19:05 - RIR Supporter from South Down said:

Sinn Fein have stated that it is not too late to cancel Sunday's RIR Homecoming Parade, they have stated that it is rash! Was it not organised before their protest march. I would say it is not too late to cancel their parade!

On 28 Oct at 19:28 - ian from Lincoln ,England said:

why doesnt the shinners just say they want all forms of britishness out of northern ireland because this is what its all about for them,there a joke.the unionist people are here to stay get used 2 it.

On 28 Oct at 19:50 - colin from monkstown said:

SF hold memorial parades all over northern ireland , do we protest against them? how dare they insult brave men who have fought to enable everyday life is normal as can be in foreign lands.

On 28 Oct at 21:01 - rgr gibson from belfast said:

its just anotha example of s.f. sayin its their way or else!!they r a joke!!its not 2 late 4 s.f. 2 call off their republican march!!how can they be in our government taking british pounds when they want nothin 2 do with britain??take a good look at yourselves!!!

On 29 Oct at 13:23 - c from belfast said:

i say the parade should be cancelled. the amount of pain and distress the army has put people in ireland, iraq etc in is unbelievable. i support sinn feins decision for a protest march. sinn fein are having a peaceful protest and DUP have said there will be "trouble" at the even, then why not cancel it because sinn fein will not cancel their plans.

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