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# Victims' needs must be central: SF, SDLP



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By Staff reporter

THE SDLP and Sinn Fein say the needs of victims must be placed at the centre of government in the North.

Sinn Fein says it is absolutely committed to seeing a process developed that can "deliver closure".

for the families of those killed in the conflict.

A spokesperson said: "This process must be victim centred and must deal comprehensively with the issue.

"The key to dealing with this issue is ensuring that there is no hierarchy of victims. This includes acknowledging the fact that the British State are protagonists in this conflict and not innocent onlookers. The British State directly or through their surrogate paramilitary gangs have been responsible for hundreds of deaths. That needs to be recognised and acknowledged if progress is to be made.

"Inevitably serious concerns do and will arise from the fact that the group is appointed by the British government and will report back to the British government which will have the final say on any recommendations."

The SDLP, meanwhile, has pointed out that the "main promise" of the Good Friday Agreement was to victims and survivors.

"To date that promise has not been followed up on," said a spokesperson. "This is something that must be addressed and delivered on. There is a clear onus on all those engaged in the troubles, including security forces and paramilitaries, to tell all and hold nothing back about their role in our past.

"The rights of victims and survivors should not be brushed under the carpet in an exercise of political expediency. I hope that this consultative group will approach the matter in as open a way as possible and I hope that no doors will be closed in their face. They must not work independently of victims and survivors and it is clear that they should work for victims first and foremost and not on behalf of any government."

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