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## **Sinn Fein's double celebration on 8th May**

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**Statement by Jim Allister MEP:**

"Sinn Fein, we are told, has changed, so much so that it is a fit partner in government. Yet, unsurprisingly to those of us not persuaded by Sinn Fein's credentials, we find that the Sinn Fein online store is still selling, and making money from, offensive terrorist memorabilia.

To mark the 20th anniversary, on 8th May, of the killing of 8 IRA terrorists, as they bombed Loughgall RUC Station, Sinn Fein is selling "Loughgall Martyrs T-shirts". Moreover, the website drools over the "fearlessness, bravery and heroism" of these hardened terrorists.

It is further clear from the website that multiple events are planned to mark this anniversary. Given that it falls on the same date as IRA/Sinn Fein is to be elevated to rule over us, the date takes on a special significance. Will we even see McGuinness mark the occasion as DFM?

The point of direct relevance to the political process, particularly as the DUP goes out of its way to play the game of statesmanship, is that for Sinn Fein in reality nothing has changed. They remain - true to their roots - unabashed apologists for terrorism, glorifying in the mayhem they brought to the Province over which they will now jointly preside.

The fundamental point remains, how can on-going glorification of terror be compatible with full support for the rule of law?"

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