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Latest News:

Dodds lambasts McWilliams intervention

Diane Dodds said:

"I wish to condemn the media intervention by Monica McWilliams, as the Head of the Human Rights Commission, about the holding conditions for the terrorist suspects at Antrim Custody Suite. Such a public utterance from Ms McWilliams can only be described as headline hunting. The approach taken by the Head Commissioner, without the support of all her Commission members, was inappropriate and appears like a desperate bid by Ms McWilliams to look relevant.

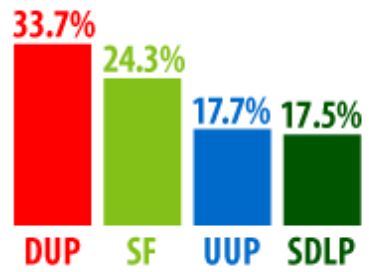


At a time when the police is actively pursuing an investigation in to the brutal murders of Constable Stephen Carroll and Sappers Mark Quinsey and Patrick Azimkar, it is extremely dangerous for the NIHRC to be making public comment around this issue. If the Commission members who visited Antrim were doing so to assess in an impartial and even-handed manner the nature of the holding facilities, why then did news cameras accompany them? Why did Monica McWilliams, who has said that her findings have not yet been compiled see the need to give to speak to media outlets?

Members of the public will be deeply concerned by this intervention. The majority of

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people care too much about helping the police to secure justice for the three brave men callously murdered to tolerate unwise public interventions like this from an unelected quango chair.

I want to assure the Chief Constable of the on-going support of the DUP as his officers seek to bring those responsible for the recent terrorist murders to justice.”

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