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NO TERRORIST CAN EVER BE EQUATED TO AN INNOCENT VICTIM

DUP MP for South Antrim William McCrea has today made it clear that no terrorist can ever be equated to the innocent victims in Northern Ireland. Mr McCrea's statement relates to comments in a Victims' Commission press release where reference was made to an IRA man killed by the SAS. Speaking today Mr McCrea said,

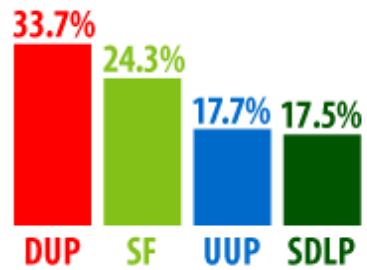


"The work of the Commission is to aid the innocent victims of terrorism in Northern Ireland. Those who went out to deliberately maim and murder can never be equated to those innocent people who suffered at their hands.

I utterly reject the description of terrorists being "volunteers" and of being on "active service". This terminology would infer that the IRA was a legitimate army. They were not. They were an illegal terrorist organisation. Regardless of what terminology people use the fact remains - and will always remain - that Tony McBride was a terrorist who was shot by the SAS because of the illegal murderous campaign in which he was involved.

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The DUP will never use this language and it has been made quite clear that no statement carrying those words has ever been issued at the request of, or with the approval of any DUP representative.

The security forces in Northern Ireland have the job of protecting the public and of apprehending anyone who has carried out a criminal offence. When attempting to deal with the scourge of terrorism not only were terrorists arrested, but the Army and even Special Forces such as the SAS acted to prevent the loss of innocent life. On some occasions that included the need to deploy lethal force in order to prevent terrorists from carrying out greater carnage. It is wrong and highly offensive to me, as someone whose family was targeted, to place terrorists killed, in such circumstances, on a par with an innocent child killed in an indiscriminate attack by terrorists."

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