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SIMPSON SEEKS ASSURANCES FROM CHIEF CONSTABLE

Upper Bann MP David Simpson has called for assurances from the Chief Constable and Secretary of State that there will be no interference with the work of the Historical Enquiries Team in relation to investigations that may implicate people who are now in the political arena. Commenting further David Simpson said,

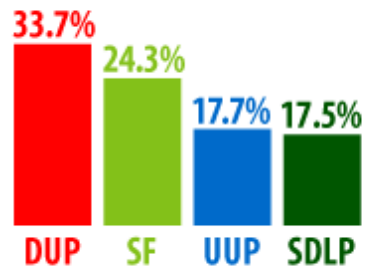


“Recently in the House of Commons I raised this question with the Secretary of State at Northern Ireland Question Time. I also sought reassurances from the Chief Constable at the last meeting of the Northern Ireland Policing Board. To date, while Paul Goggins and Sir Hugh Orde have both indicated their support for the work of HET they have not been categorical in their answers.

The issue is very simple will the PSNI fully investigate serving politicians if, through new DNA or witness evidence, they are implicated in a Troubles-related crime?

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There are a number of cases from Upper Bann and other constituencies that have been referred to the Historical Enquiries Team. Should it be the case that prominent people are identified as having involvement in these killings, it is vital that the hands of the HET are not tied and that the investigations are free from Government influence. No matter how prominent they may be today – it is vital that no one is above the law.

The Government needs to be absolutely clear that there must be no repeat of the Denis Donaldson affair, where his role as an informer clearly played a part in the suppressing of a criminal prosecution. If a senior politician is exposed as a result of the work of HET, then the law should be allowed to run its course.”

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