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**WILSON CALLS FOR GOVERNMENT TO PRESS LIBYA FOR COMPENSATION**

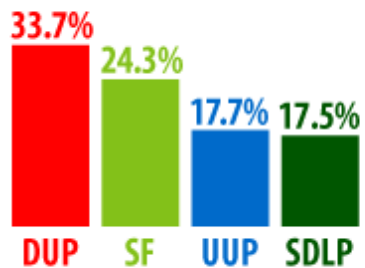
DUP MP Sammy Wilson has again called on the government to press for compensation for the victims of Libyan sponsored IRA terrorism. Mr Wilson raised the matter in the House of Commons on Tuesday during the Christmas Recess Debate. The East Antrim MP said that the IRA campaign was responsible for not only a huge loss of life, but also a loss limbs and livelihoods, and stated that the IRA campaign could not have been sustained without the support of Libya. Sammy Wilson said,



*“According to the Chief Constable, Hugh Annesely, in 1992, Libya was responsible for importing 6 tonnes of semtex, 1600 AK rifles, 300 machine guns, 500 hand guns 20 SAM missiles and 50 rocket launchers, which were used to kill and maim hundreds of people. Financial assistance was also given to the tune of £6m. Libya equipped terrorists Libya financed terrorists and Libya trained terrorists. The government says*

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*it is committed to ensuring that those states that sponsor terror are made to pay, but why is this not happening in the case of Libya? Sanctions have been lifted against the country and over the course of the last 5 years over £50 million worth of armaments have been sold to Libya.*

*In Afghanistan and Iraq, the Government has shown its willingness to pursue those that sponsor and harbour terrorists and rightly so, but it is showing hypocrisy by failing to press Libya for compensation for victims of the IRA. There have been more British victims of the IRA than Al Qaida and the Taliban combined and it is time for the government to listen to them, and speak up for them."*



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