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BRADLEY CALLS FOR HONESTY ON DISAPPEARED

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SDLP Newry and Armagh MLA Dominic Bradley said it is time for local Provisional IRA commanders and members to deal honestly with the families of the Disappeared and the investigatory commission.

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Commenting on a new report on the disappearance of Gerard Evans of Crossmaglen, he said: "This is a well researched and highly credible report, but its real value is that it confirms what everyone with any sense already knew; that the Provos took Gerard Evans, killed him and buried him secretly.

"Gerry Adams has always repeated Provisional IRA denials and this latest report indicates that his credibility may depend on his gullability. It is particularly important to note that the IRA member who has now provided details of Gerard Evans's burial place was motivated by the murder of Paul Quinn. Specifically, he says he was sickened by the lying denials of the South Armagh leadership. That is exactly how almost the whole population of South Armagh feels too.

"The Provisional movement needs to stand down the whole South Armagh leadership, not only the commanders who sanctioned the murders of Gerard Evans and Paul Quinn, but also those who have given them political cover and did their propaganda work, those who spread the malicious rumours and did the character assassination which compounded the crime of murder many times over. There must be no more lies."

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