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DISMANTLE MURDER MACHINE - BRADLEY

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SDLP Newry and Armagh Assembly Member Dominic Bradley has said the South Armagh 'community can no longer tolerate the control which those responsible for Paul Quinn's murder would wish to exert upon us'.

Mr Bradley stated:

“The recent murder of Paul Quinn was a brutal and savage crime. All political leaders have said so. Archbishop Sean Brady has said so. This community has said so.

“The murder of Paul Quinn confirms one thing - that our community can no longer tolerate the control which those responsible for this crime would wish to exert upon us. It is a control based on the use of violence to generate fear in order to subdue people for whatever reason to the will of those who wield the iron bar, baseball bat or other weapon.

“Paul Quinn's murder was pre-planned, organised, and co-ordinated using an existing network and its experienced personnel. It was not the work of an ad hoc gang. Those who did it were practised in inflicting brutal and savage violence on other human beings. The machine which supports the planning, organisation, and effecting of murder or any other crime, and which helps to cover it up must be dismantled once and for all so that no other person will be subject to the brutal beating and death which Paul Quinn suffered.

“We have stood up for justice down through the years; we must now stand up for justice for Paul Quinn. The Quinn family deserve justice for their son's death. The only form of justice open to them is to see those responsible for his death brought before the courts to face the legal punishment which is due to them. The Quinn family has quite rightly said that there should be no retaliation for Paul's murder as that too would be totally wrong and would only play into the hands of those who murdered him.

“The only way forward for us is to work with the police to help create a safe, secure, and peaceful society for us all. There is no alternative to this except the control, intimidation, and violence of those who murdered Paul Quinn.

“There can be no ifs or buts about murder. There is no acceptable reason or circumstance to justify murder.

“The people of this area, as well as the majority of the people of the North and of all Ireland have shown that they do not want to be ruled in this way; they have decided to embrace the policing reforms arising from the Patten Report, most of which are now implemented. The Patten reforms have built-in accountability mechanisms including the Police Ombudsman's Office which have gained the overwhelming support of the public.

“Anyone who has any information which may be of help to the Gardaí and PSNI in solving this brutal crime has a moral duty to ensure that that they get that information to the Gardaí or PSNI by whatever means they wish to use.”

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