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Sinn Féin meets UPRG delegation

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A Sinn Féin delegation including Belfast Mayor Tom Hartley and Assembly member Paul Maskey today met with representatives of the UPRG.

Speaking after the meeting Mayor Hartley said:

"The principles which have underpinned the peace process have been inclusivity and dialogue. Today we met with representatives of the Ulster Political Research Group. In recent years there has been useful work done between loyalists and republicans in the city, which has contributed to a series of peaceful summers.

"The events of recent days which have seen three people killed and a number of others injured have clearly raised tensions across the board. But this is a time for clear heads and decisive leadership. There can be no return to the failures of the past. Loyalists have an important part to play in ensuring this happens and that formed part of our discussions today.

"Sinn Féin will continue to build the peace process. Its robustness has been demonstrated in the days since Saturday night. However it is important that all of us in political leadership continue to redouble our efforts to maintain calm on our streets and see an end to these sorts of futile armed actions." ENDS

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