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Reflection on Omagh ten years on - Danny Kennedy



Reflecting on the tenth anniversary of the Omagh bombing, Deputy Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party Danny Kennedy MLA said:

"As we mark the 10th anniversary today of the Omagh bombing, the worst single atrocity in our Troubles may, on behalf of the Ulster Unionist Party I express my deepest sympathies to those who lost loved ones, to those who were injured and to those who were caught up in that horrific event."

"On 15th August 1998, terrorists murdered innocent children, women and men. They did not distinguish between age, gender, nationality or religion and cruelly robbed families of those they loved dearly, leaving others with scars which for some will never heal. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who suffered at the hands of terrorism that fateful day."

"Tribute must also be paid to those who helped in the immediate aftermath of the atrocity, the medical staff at Tyrone County Hospital and throughout Northern Ireland, the RUC, the Army, the Navy and the many local people who helped the injured and the dying - their acts of bravery and compassion are a powerful reminder that the last word does not belong to the agents of terror."

"For many of those caught up in the Omagh bombing the pain and suffering is increased with the knowledge that no-one has been brought to justice for the atrocity. I would urge the PSNI and the Garda to continue with their investigations. Those who committed this act of mass murder must be held to account for their evil deeds."

"Today is also an opportunity to remember those across our community who carry the painful memories of loved ones murdered throughout the Troubles. While as a society we can be thankful that the darkest days are past, the loss and sacrifices of those years will not be forgotten".