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COMMONS SHOULD REMEMBER 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF BALLYKELLY BOMBING

East Londonderry MP Gregory Campbell has tabled a motion in the House of Commons calling on the House to remember the Ballykelly bombing which happened on the 6th December 1982 and resulted in the murder of 17 people. The motion has been signed by Kate Hoey MP (Labour), Christopher Frazer MP (Conservative) and Mr Campbell's fellow DUP MPs. Commenting on the motion Mr Campbell said,

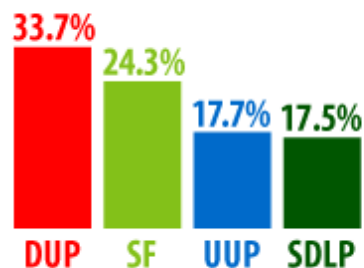


"The Ballykelly bombing was one of the most horrific tragedies throughout the Troubles. The INLA were responsible for the act which killed 17 young people ranging from 17 to 27 years old.

As we approach Christmas, our thoughts are naturally focused on our families but sadly this time of year is filled with painful memories for the families of those killed at the Droppin' Well bombing. I commend the families of those who lost loved ones, for their courage and fortitude over the last 25 years.

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We must never allow society to forget events of this nature. It is important that today's generation, who never experienced the height of the Troubles, understand just what their families suffered at the hands of terrorism.

Atrocities like Ballykelly should strengthen our resolve to ensure we build a Northern Ireland based on democratic principles where everyone is committed to the rule of law and opposes murder of any kind."

Note wording of the motion below:

25th ANNIVERSARY OF BALLYKELLY BOMBING

That this House recalls the horrific atrocity carried out at the Droppin Well in Ballykelly on December 6th 1982 by members of the INLA, resulting in the murder of 17 people, both civilians and military personnel, commends the courage and fortitude of the relatives of the dead and the survivors, is determined that those murdered in atrocities such as Ballykelly will not be forgotten, and restates the democratic principle that murder was and remains unacceptable, was and remains repudiated by all democratically elected representatives of communities in Northern Ireland and across the United Kingdom.

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