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Amazing poll victory for Dr Ian Paisley.



Dr. Paisley and his wife Eileen on election day

In June past, for the fifth successive European election, Dr. Ian Paisley has topped the poll. This is an amazing feat, considering the combined opposition of all the political parties, the government and the media. All would have dearly loved to have seen "Saint" John Hume of the SDLP dethroning Dr. Paisley.

What made it even more amazing was the fact that he increased his vote by 30,000 when many were predicting it would fall, because of the campaign of the loyalist candidate linked to the paramilitary groups. He further increased his lead over John Hume.

What many did not know was that Dr. Paisley spent part of the run up to the election in a hospital bed. As he has often said, he could beat the best of them before breakfast with one arm tied behind his back!

"To God be the glory"

We join with Dr. Paisley in giving to God the glory for the victory. It was a real answer to prayer. Doubtless, coming as it did just before the Blair government's iniquitous attempt to blackmail Ulster, and the Trimble unionists in particular, into surrendering to Sinn Fein and the IRA, it made Trimble realise that the Ulster people were supporting Dr. Paisley's opposition to any sell-out and he would be finished if he yielded to Blair's demands. Dr. Paisley's 192,762 votes were what really scuppered Blair's treachery.