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Johnny Adair advises Ulster!!



Adair on manoeuvres!

Ulster has received some strange advice and that from very strange quarters over the last 30 years. Few occasions of advice-giving have been more bizarre or indeed laughable than one which recently occurred. Former UDA terror boss Johnny 'Mad Dog' Adair has urged unionists to share power with Sinn Fein again at Stormont and accept IRA decommissioning!!

In an interview with a newspaper, Adair said that he believed the "war is over and the loyalist people should take what the IRA did very seriously".

The 42-year-old also talked about his new life in Troon on Scotland's west coast, where he moved after splitting with his wife Gina in Bolton.

He said: "This is my launching pad. I have supporters in Scotland, I have friends here. I have always said I shall return to Ulster, maybe not in a few weeks, maybe a few months or even years."

Having served 12 years of a 16-year sentence for directing terrorism, Adair claimed he was enjoying the quiet life in Troon.

Barred

However, he has been barred from some pubs after the police circulated his picture to bar owners and businesses. "I can't understand what their problem is with me. I'm not a threat to anyone here," he claimed.

Adair said he believed the IRA and their statement last July.

"Their armed struggle is over. I hate them, but I believe them when they say they are sincere...they are sincere about the war being over."

When asked if that meant unionists should share power with Sinn Fein again at Stormont, he said: "Absolutely. Why not? It's time for politics, although our politicians have let the people down.

"The IRA decommissioned, something they said they would never do. So the Protestant people should accept that."

A few weeks ago, Adair went up to Glasgow to see UB40.

"They're my favourite band of all time. The last time I saw UB40 in Belfast I got shot in the head at an open-air concert."

Such is life in the fast lane!!

With advisors like this, Ulster can hardly go astray . . . can it???