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A real problem for Sinn Fein



Sinn Fein ministers in the Northern Ireland executive, Martin McGuinness and Bairbre de Brun, face being compelled to fly the union flag over their ministries on specified days following an order by the Secretary of State.

But Sinn Fein's two ministers want to fly the Irish tricolour instead. However, a spokesman for the Northern Ireland Office said the education and health departments were buildings over which the union flag would fly on specified days. The issue will create a real problem for Sinn Fein and its supporters since the Union flag (they call it "the Butcher's Apron") is hated by them.