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The shots that awaken sorrow.

(The murder today of prison officer, Mr David Black)



Scene of today's shooting

The shooting of the prison officer, Mr David Black, on the M1 motorway by republican murderers, as he journeyed to his work in Maghaberry high-security prison near Lisburn, has brought forth many condemnations from various public representatives.

Mr Black was shot from a car which drew up beside his as he drove on the motorway. The car had Dublin registration number plates.

HYPOCRISY

Some of the statements of condemnation that have been issued you know are genuine, but many are tainted with rank hypocrisy.

Top of the list in the latter are those from Sinn Fein.

Martin McGuinness in a joint statement with Peter Robinson of the DUP said: "There could be no justification for this murder. People who work for the Prison Service play a crucial role in our community and any attack on them is an attack on all of us".

The hypocrisy of McGuinness of course is well known to us here in Ulster. His two-facedness has become a Republican art-form!

He was joined in his dissimulation by the Sinn Fein Assembly member and Education Minister, John O'Dowd. He said the shooting was "totally wrong". "There is no justification for continued conflict in this society," he said. Note the use of the phrase, "no justification for continued conflict." This is another example of Sinn Fein's continued justification of the murder of prison officers, policemen, soldiers and civilians in the recent past. It is no longer justified, according to this charlatan, now that they have obtained power in Stormont. McGuinness led an organisation which murdered hundreds of decent men just like Mr Black. The murderers of Mr Black shared the exact same motives, the exact same objectives as those of Martin McGuinness and the IRA. Indeed, they undoubtedly learned their murderous skills, displayed on the motorway today, from McGuinness and his fellow IRA leaders.

TRAILING SECOND

Trailing a close second in the hypocrisy stakes come the DUP spokesmen.

How can Peter Robinson put his name to a statement in which he is joined by McGuinness?

The Deputy First Minister, with whom he is joined in office, holds that office because of the murder campaign which he led. McGuinness's hands are stained by the blood of hundreds of innocent men just like Mr Black, and well Peter Robinson knows it. Indeed, he famously used Parliamentary privilege to denounce McGuinness for his terrorist crimes (see - "**What Peter Robinson once thought of the Sinn Fein/IRA man to whom he is politically shackled**") but now all that was forgotten in the greedy and wicked scramble for power.

THE PRICE OF POWER

Power for the DUP could be obtained only by uniting with Sinn Fein so the Party quenched its conscience (such as it had become), ate the words of condemnation that it had for years hurled at Sinn Fein and, overcome by a lust for power and the monetary gains it brought, defiled itself by entering into a league with the terrorists of Sinn Fein.



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It is little wonder that their words of condemnation will count for little in the ears of many Protestants today.

For many, today's news will bring back memories of the grief and sorrow which filled more than 30 years. It will prove to be a dark reminder of those days when thousands lived, ever watching over their shoulder for the hate-filled killers who stalked their daily life. There have been many "Mr Blacks" in our lifetime whose murders did nothing but pave the way to Stormont for the killers.

May the Lord comfort the family of David Black and yet move in gospel mercy to enlighten our land so beguiled and deluded in the infamous treachery of 2006-2007.

Ivan Foster.

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