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Tony Blair's deal with the devil



**Gerry Adams—
manipulative deceiver**

The British Government has agreed a pact with the forces of the devil and in so doing has trampled upon the graves of the hundreds of innocent victims of IRA terrorism. The cowardly acceptance of the IRA's claim to have ended its terror campaign, in words so fulsome it was nauseous to have to listen to them, has opened afresh the wounds of many in Ulster who have long lived with the brokenness of heart that was the consequence of a loved one falling victim to the murderous followers of Adams and McGuinness. To hear them praised by Blair added greater grief to those who have waited in vain for the British Government to show some understanding of what Northern Ireland has been through over the last 30 years.

The statement in truth announced the final surrender of the British Government to the campaign of terror and murder. At the commencement of his leadership of the united Kingdom back in 1940, Winston Churchill declared that they would wage all-out war with Nazi Germany until a full and total surrender was received from Germany. How far short of that ideal Tony Blair has come! Time and again he has placated the IRA and shown himself all too ready to accept whatever crumb they offer him. His snatching at the IRA statement and that with odious eagerness, betrayed his readiness to accept "political progress" on IRA terms. It would be wise for all, who care in any way for the future of Northern Ireland, to look at the IRA statement rather than accept the media's slant and interpretation of it.

Two things in particular stand out in it.

First of all, IRA units have been told to "dump arms". Such a term needs to be examined in the light of "IRA-speak"! That is precisely the term employed by the IRA at the end of the 1956-62 terror campaign. Those arms then re-emerged in 1968 as a new campaign was launched. One might be forgiven for viewing the IRA's action as a mere "comfort stop" rather than a cessation of terrorism forever.

Secondly, the statement says: "We reiterate our view that the armed struggle was entirely legitimate." Had Nazi Germany stated that it would end hostilities only on the basis that its atrocities against the Jews be accepted as legitimate, I am sure that such an offer would have been rejected. Instead, today, Tony Blair praises such a statement as this.

If the terrorism from 1968 until today was legitimate, then this statement is not a declaration of the end of terrorism, but a warning that Irish Republicanism considers it has a right to resort to such tactics again whenever it feels that it is "legitimate"! This is what Blair and the cowardly British Government have joyfully and eagerly embraced. Most importantly, there is no mention of any disbanding of the IRA. If all terrorism has ceased and only democratic procedures are to be employed by Sinn Fein in the future, what need is there for an organisation like the IRA?

You do not need a very active imagination to see the answer to that question. The British



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Government's reaction to the statement is all the more reprehensible in the light of the measures it is instigating in the wake of bombs planted by Muslim terrorists. What a flurry of anti-terrorist activity we have witnessed! Armed policemen are diligently raiding the homes of suspects and political leaders are feverishly discussing new wide-sweeping powers to combat this threat. All this provides the backdrop to Blair's betrayal of decency and democracy. It serves but to spotlight the self-serving nature of London's policy in Northern Ireland.

However, these things have a habit of rounding on you. Tony Blair may well have a "home-grown" terrorist problem on his own doorstep which will dwarf the activities of the IRA. The rising tide of Muslim terrorism within Great Britain has presented him with a threat that the IRA could never have matched. Irish Republicans never employed "suicide-bombers". They thought too much of their own skins to employ that tactic!

Recent comments by a Muslim religious leader underscores the threat. Dr. Mohammed Naseem has said there are "similarities" between new powers to tackle Islamist extremism and Hitler's demonisation of the Jews, according to media reports. Tony Blair wants measures to exclude foreigners who preach hate and to close places where terrorism is condoned. Dr Naseem, chairman of the Birmingham Central Mosque, said: "I see the similarities . . . I am saying these are dangerous times."



Dr Mohammed Naseem

Dr Naseem has also questioned whether Muslims were behind the London bombs. Those who have ever listened to the propaganda of Sinn Fein and the wriggling of its primary spokesmen, Adams and McGuinness, will recognise the similarities between this Muslim cleric and them. There can be little doubt that those who espouse terror will have learned a lot about presenting their cause in a plausible way by observing the campaign of Sinn Fein.

For Blair and Co; the spirit of the IRA may well materialise in England wearing a turban!!