

Ulster Volunteer Force Prisoners

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Lest We Forget

Twelve months ago, our organisation displayed immense foresight and courage by declaring an end to the armed campaign against Republican and Nationalist Violence being waged against our people, after safeguards had been given by the British Government which secured our status within the United Kingdom, whilst the greater number of people so desired it.

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Today, 12 months onward representatives of our organisations continue to show courage and foresight, despite being branded as traitors and government agents, by the same people whose sole interest is to instil fear in our people by constant threats of a mythical United Ireland.

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For over 25 years, our organisations have stood firm in the face of the Republican onslaught on our people and country. Our volunteers have been shot dead in the streets of Northern Ireland, assassinated in their homes, our cities have been obliterated by bombs and rockets. Our volunteers have resisted these atrocities with relentless determination, and retaliated unremittingly against the enemies of our people.

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Ulster Prisons continue to remain the production lines for our volunteers for over 25 years. Families and friends of our Volunteers have suffered the hardships and unhappiness throughout these long years, whilst these same politicians defame our prisoners and representatives who have had the tenacity to move our country forward with their progressive approach, for new, more important needs of our people. Not one of these politicians from the mainstream Unionist Parties has called for the release of one single Loyalist Prisoner.

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Our organisation must now continue to fight on a more comprehensive field. Besides strengthening our status within the United Kingdom, talks are urgently needed to alleviate old-founded suspicions of our people. Only with dialogue and the new progressive approach taken by our organisation can we hope to consolidate our people, and advance the peace of our country into a new era. Opportunities must be seized whilst the guns remain silent.