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Unionism re-asserts political domination

The Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams has said that the past week has been about Unionist leaderships re-asserting their political domination over Irish nationalists. "In the face of an organised unionist revolt," Mr. Adams said, "the British government caved in."

Mr. Adams said:

"The events of the last week have been about one thing. Unionism re-asserting its continuing political domination over nationalists. The British government caved in to what was in effect an organised unionist revolt. David Trimble threatened the British government. He gave them a deadline by which he insisted that the Orange parade had to go down the Garvaghy Road. He needs to be asked what was planned? There is talk that elements of the RUC were going to revolt. This needs to be probed.

"If the talks at Stormont are to be subject to unionist domination then they are meaningless. They will not bring change; they will not bring equality because the Unionists do not want change, they do not want equality. If the talks at Stormont are subject to unionist domination then they cannot bring peace.

"The success of unionist violence over nationalist rights has destroyed the peace process. It needs to be re-built. The primary responsibility for doing so lies with the British government."

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"The RUC is totally unacceptable to the nationalist community. Any notion to the contrary disappeared last night.

"Recent events have demonstrated that in this state there is no equality, there is no democracy, there is no justice.

"Nationalists will not be treated as second class citizens in our own country. The RUC is unacceptable. The Six County state is unacceptable. There must be radical change." ENDS