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Gerry Adams:

Well first of all, Sinn Fein wants to see an end to the armed struggle, that's our position in one sentence. We want to see an end to the armed struggle, we're not involved in it, we do not advocate it, we clearly are a Party which has suffered as a result of the armed actions of others and our focus has been and will continue to be the total end of all armed actions and I do that with my colleagues by pursuing in the first instance a negotiated settlement which removes the causes of conflict and in the second instance, and as part of the same project, to try and build an alternative to armed struggle, and I have to say that I think you have to look at our record on this as well.

Sean O'Rourke:

Well that's a fairly complex answer to a very simple question which was, do you support the armed struggle, now you say you're not involved in it, you don't advocate it, but at the minimum it could be said that you at least acquiesce in it.

Gerry Adams:

Well, well Sean we understand how, in certain conditions armed actions are seen as legitimate, that's been the international experience.

Sean O'Rourke:

Indeed, but do those conditions exist now in Northern Ireland?

Gerry Adams:

....sorry, again Sean you're interrupting me Sean, let's not confuse this any more than it needs to be, please...

Sean O'Rourke:

But do the conditions exist now to justify the armed struggle?

Gerry Adams:

....sorry, no Sean, see, well you see the answer to the question was given to me in my first sentence and that answer is this, I want to see an end to armed struggle. That's the clear, concise,