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Comments of Rev Ken Newell on Radio Ulster

Interviewer: A Presbyterian minister who has developed close links with Sinn Féin says it's the influence of the party's leadership which has prevented a return to IRA violence here, so far. The Rev Ken Newell who is the Minister of Belfast's Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, has held a number of meetings with Gerry Adams in recent years. Speaking on BBC Radio Ulster's Sunday Sequence this morning, he said Sinn Féin was the main brake on the men of violence.

Newell: I think they are at the moment a hand that is keeping the tap of violence turned off. I don't know how long they can keep it turned off and that's the debate within the Republican movement, but I do hope and pray that it's turned off and turned off for good.

*My Nolan -
Not panned on. One
wonders how far Rev.
Newell is up with
the current play
works*

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