

Wednesday June 17th

Asked about the killing of Garda McCabe, Gerry Adams said:

"I think that these are very very dangerous and very very risky times for everyone. I think we all have to be very very measured in how we approach every single issue.

"The killing of Garda McCabe was totally and absolutely wrong. Our party have renounced and repudiated that killing. We have placed on record our condolences and our regret to the family. The IRA, for its part, has denied any involvement and I accept that.

"At the same time there is an ongoing and sustained campaign to try to link this killing to Sinn Féin's efforts to restore the peace process. I think that is mischief-making. I think it is people there with their own agenda, especially in sections of the media, and we saw some disgraceful stories in some of the Sunday newspapers in Dublin.

"So let me be quite clear. What happened in Ardara, the killing of Garda McCabe was wrong, totally and utterly wrong.

"Sinn Féin have repudiated this killing. We have renounced this killing. We accept the IRA statement that it was not involved.

"I make the point, and I made it yesterday, that such killings can play no part in the republican struggle, and those who are running with this agenda - this mischief-making agenda - know that."

They are trying to subvert and undermine Sinn Féin's integrity, and trying to undermine our effort to restore the peace process.

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This looks like  
a balancing act in  
the middle of an  
intensive internal debate in  
the Republican movement

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