

Last week the IRA stated that their cessation which has been in place since July 20 last remains intact. Sinn Féin regards maintenance of the integrity of the cessation and all other cessations, as vital to the democratic process. Sinn Féin completely disavows and is opposed to all killings, not just of Nationalists, but also those of Mr. Campbell and Mr. Dougan. It also disavows and disassociates itself from the groups that carried them out, and from any organisation that continues to carry out acts of violence. We are deeply committed to the success of the multiparty talks, which are designed to bring about a permanent peace in Ireland.

Sinn Féin worked successfully to establish ceasefires on all sides. Sinn Féin is determined to continue to work for and use all our influence for the maintenance of the ceasefires of all armed groups. We wish to see them totally honoured and respected. Our party is committed to bringing about maximum political change in Ireland by democratic and exclusively peaceful means and through an inclusive and meaningful process of negotiations in which we have the right to participate on the basis of our mandate.