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Last week's IRA statement refers to their cessation which has been in place since July 20 last and which remains intact. It is a matter of public record that Sinn Féin completely disavows and is opposed to all killings, and I have specifically disavowed all the killings of recent weeks.

Sinn Féin has worked to establish ceasefires on all sides. Sinn Féin will continue to work for and use all our influence for the maintenance of the ceasefires of all armed groups. 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.