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## “ P R E S S R E L E A S E ”

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### Alderdice points to increasing intolerance within nationalism.

Alliance Leader Lord Alderdice, commenting on the violence in Londonderry at the weekend, has criticized the increasing intolerance within strands of nationalism.

John Alderdice said:

“The events of the weekend in Londonderry, whatever the rights and wrongs of the specific march, indicate a disturbing development within a strand of nationalism. We are now witnessing an increasingly profound intolerance of any aspect of unionist culture.

“What happened in Londonderry on Saturday night and Sunday morning was not simply a reaction to the handling of the situation by either the Apprentice Boys or the Police, but a violent and premeditated attack.

“As well as criticizing intolerance within unionism, Nationalists must now recognize that intolerance exists within some strands of nationalism, in equal measure.”

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