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Alliance Attacks Cynical Approach to Violence

Alliance Deputy Leader, Seamus Close, has declared that today's statement by the UFF signifies a clear breach of the Mitchell Principles and has called on the Governments to take the appropriate action.

Seamus Close said:

"The whole community will share a sigh of relief that UFF have said that the slaughter of the innocents has ended. But I resent the way in which these terrorists believe that they can switch slaughter on and off like others would use a light switch or a water-tap. Their contempt for human life is deplorable.

"Today's statement proves beyond any doubt that the Mitchell Principles have been clearly broken. The need for any party to lay an indictment at the Talks is now unnecessary, the purpose of an indictment is only to investigate if a breach has actually occurred.

"Now that the UFF have admitted that they have murdered innocent people, the onus lies on the shoulder of the Governments to take the appropriate action. All parties at the table must be committed to exclusively democratic and peaceful means.

"Failure to act will render the Mitchell Principles dead and buried, and will give a green light for this cynical approach to violence to reoccur in the future."

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