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## “ P R E S S R E L E A S E ”

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### Alliance piles on pressure over UDP and Talks

The Alliance Party, which called last week for the governments to take action on the UDP / UFF participation in the Talks has increased the pressure on the government in the run-up to tomorrow morning's Lancaster House session. Alliance Leader Lord Alderdice, speaking in London tonight after an Alliance Talks Team meeting said:

"We are not prepared to stand idly by while our fellow citizens are being murdered in the streets. The UFF, represented in the Talks by the UDP, and directly in discussions with Secretary of State Mo Mowlam in HMP Maze, have admitted appalling crimes which constitute the gravest breach of the Mitchell Principles. It is the clear responsibility of the British and Irish governments to respond to this situation by insisting that the UDP either cuts its links with the paramilitaries it has until now represented or it joins them outside the process. "If the governments refuse to accept their responsibilities and try to make excuse that there is a procedural problem which obstructs their action Alliance will not collude in letting them off the hook. Procedural problems count for little against a murder campaign. Alliance will ensure that no procedural obstacle allows the governments to avoid their responsibilities."

"The fundamentals of democracy are at stake here and the appeasement of terrorists has never saved lives, not even in the medium term."

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