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## " P R E S S R E L E A S E "

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### Choice for all Parties is clear: Alliance

The Alliance Party Leader Lord Alderdice has reacted to this week's two murders and Tuesday evening's attempted murder, pointing to the need to secure the integrity of the Talks by a clear separation of politics from violence.

Lord Alderdice said:

"Our position on this issue has always been clear, and the position of the governments and the other parties should be similarly so: politics must be separated from violence. There is increasing speculation that those responsible for the murders committed on Monday night and yesterday, and the attempted murder last night, are associated with people around the negotiating table. Such a situation, if proven, is unacceptable.

"The choice for all of us at the table is clear. When violence occurs outside the process parties must either disavow and split from those carrying out the violence, or leave the process. The choice could not be more simple.

"We have always treated every party in the same way, and if the evidence is laid out before us to prove involvement of groups represented around the table, we are not prepared to treat republican groups any differently than we have treated loyalist groups."

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