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Human Rights Abusers Should Not be Invited Into Our Schools.

The 32csm would like to take this opportunity to clarify our position regarding our plans to address schools about our concerns surrounding the attendance of PSNI officers in local schools. The 32csm sought to raise the issue of the PSNI in schools because we believe that schools should be a neutral environment and that children shouldn't be used as a political football. For example, there has been a recent upsurge in the PSNI harassing and searching young children on their way to and from school in each case leaving the pupils very frightened. In one instance a house was raided by 15 male armed members of the PSNI and prevented two young girls from attending school. They searched through their personal belongings and videoed their bedrooms. In another incident a six year old girl wet herself during an aggressive search of her father. Section 44 of the Terrorism Act (which has been ruled illegal under European law) was deployed against two young schoolchildren on their way to school and their persons and schoolbags were searched by heavily armed PSNI personnel. These and other incidents have been well documented in the local press over the last year and the Children's Commissioner has been contacted in a number of cases. If the very same uniform is to appear in their classroom it would cause obvious distress to the child. It seems that the RUC/PSNI are trying their hardest to cover up their abuse of children. During a recent search on a vehicle occupied by two republican ex prisoners the RUC/PSNI examined hundreds of legal documents relating to a case for which the men were held on remand for. Out of the hundreds of documents they only seized one piece of paper. This piece of paper documented all the recent stop and searches of children and was being compiled to highlight the abuse and intimidation of children by the RUC/PSNI. In spite of the British police forces best efforts to silence us the 32csm will endeavor to complete this list again and will be not be deterred by attempts to prevent us from bringing



Masked British police officer on our streets last year.

this into the public domain and challenging those charged with protecting the rights of the child. We believe that schools should not be accommodating these scenarios which cause distress to children who parents have entrusted to their care during school hours. There has been a deliberate misrepresentation of our position by vote seeking politicians and others who are pursuing an anti-republican agenda. There was never any plan to picket schools and this would be contradictory to our stated position of keeping schools politically neutral. This was made unambiguously clear in the only press release from the 32csm regarding this issue (Derry Journal 12th Feb 2010). In this article a spokesperson for the 32csm insists that the letter 'is not a threat'. The 32csm spokesperson goes on to say 'We are not trying to bully schools but we want to highlight the fact that children are being searched on their way to school. This is not a threat and will be in an above board way. The letters will contain a contact number that people can call if they want more information'. This article is in the Derry Journal archives and can be viewed by anyone who is interested in checking this out. However, what followed was a media frenzy and a attempt to whip up hysteria with absurd comments from PSF spokesperson Martina Anderson, in which she compared the 32csm's intentions to the Holy Cross situation. Any rational person cannot fail to see how ridiculous Ms Anderson's comments were. The throwing of urine filled balloons, pipe bombs and subjecting young children to serious sectarian abuse cannot be equated to sending a letter to schools outlining our concerns. Others who joined the 'lift the threats' campaign were Raymond Mc Cartney, Fr Canny, Jim Roddy, Mark Durkan and Eamonn Mc Cann. All of them appeared on TV or radio to join the circus of condemnation of this non existent threat.

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How they all came to the conclusion that the 32csm stated intention amounted to a threat is beyond comprehension. All of these people or their political parties have contacted the 32csm in the past seeking clarification or advice on a range of different issues, why they chose not to do so in this instance is viewed with suspicion. One can only conclude that each and every one of them were following their own self serving agendas. It is interesting to note that those who often pontificate about the 'proper mechanisms' to deal with human rights abuses by the RUC/PSNI are often the most reluctant to use them. For example a local republican was searched in the grounds of St Eugene's Cathedral during a funeral, this should have been a matter of great concern for the clergy, however, the undertakers who were disgusted by the actions of the RUC/PSNI brought the matter to the attention of Fr Canny who took it no further. Also, Jim Roddy from the City Centre Initiative witnessed an aggressive search of a republican. The ex prisoner was along with his children including his six year old daughter who was visibly distressed and frightened. Despite Jim Roddy personally known the republican and heard him complain about the police mistreatment of children on previous occasions it still did not warrant a mention in the media from Jim, this is in stark contrast to the emotional television appearance that he made in reaction to the 32csm when they sought to highlight these human rights abuses by the RUC/PSNI. The rank hypocrisy of PSF spokespeople is breathtaking, whilst Ms Anderson was practising her Oscar winning theatrics on the teatime news she must have forgotten that PSF has condoned and justified military action against and even the execution of those who provided services to British forces. The situation took an even more bizarre twist when a little known 'mediation' group was given a front page headline which screamed 'Peace talks plea to dissidents'. The Peace and Reconciliation Group offered to mediate despite continuing to misconstrue our intentions, it is clear that these people already had their minds made up and their offers of 'mediation' was a false as these so called threats.

They condemned what they called 'valid threats', invited the 32csm to enter discussions, 'if they are serious about their political ideology' and then ended their statement by claiming that this is 'a time when the majority want to use the ballot box rather than the bullet.' This is a strange way to offer 'mediation' and rather than contact the 32csm they chose the front page of the Derry Journal. At the end of the front page article the Journal admitted to seeing the letter. However, this didn't prevent them carrying an editorial on page two with headlines 'withdraw the threat.' The media is at the fore of this new propaganda offensive against republicanism and it has come to our attention that the editor of a local paper who was caught drink driving is now expecting the charges to be dropped on a technicality, for those who are familiar with the modus operandi of British intelligence and the Branch this editor now no doubt be expected to show his appreciation for this 'fortunate' turn of events. For the record this letter is available for anyone who wishes to view it and people can make their own minds up. The 32csm is a Republican separatist organisation and make no apologies for our active opposition to British rule. The recent furore and condemnation coming from the usual pro-establishment quarters will not deflect the 32csm from



Little girl is comforted by her father as their home is raided by armed British police officers

pursuing our Republican politics. In the coming months we intend to intensify our efforts to highlight the nefarious nature and human rights abuses perpetrated by the RUC/PSNI. We will be contacting businesses explaining our opposition to the PSNI/RUC and asking them to stop providing services to this British paramilitary force. If they continue to do so we will exercise our legitimate right to protest against them in the form of name and shame, boycott campaigns and pickets. No amount of sensationalism or scare mongering will deflect us from this.

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Remove All British Powers

The recent furore surrounding the so-called 'policing and justice' issue is nothing more than a red herring. This so called 'devolution of powers' is in effect an administrative decision by the British government to switch one operation from a group of British ministers to another group of British ministers. Our history is replete with this practice. The calibre of those involved with the Policing Board and the DPPs has been found wanting on a regular basis. If those allegedly charged with holding the RUC/PSNI to account are suspect themselves it doesn't say much for the integrity of British policing in Ireland.

It has come to light that Barry Gilligan, Chairperson of the Policing Board, was asked for help by local Belfast people to secure land to build 66 much needed houses for local residents. A month later it was revealed that Mr Gilligan had purchased the land behind their backs for financial gain. When the local development group offered Mr Gilligan several million more than what he paid for it, he refused, scuttling the much needed housing project. When questioned he claimed that he had done nothing wrong. No doubt this glowing sense of right and wrong will serve the RUC/PSNI well in administering British policing in our country. A previous chairman of the Policing Board, Brendan Duddy, also showed a similar disregard for accountable standards a number of years ago when he declared himself bankrupt to avoid paying compensation to a girl who was badly injured in one of his premises. He continued his business interests in the name of a family member.

More recently a member of the Mourne DPP, Annette Hughes and her husband Sean, a prominent Provisional, have been at the centre of a fraud investigation which involved the seizure of around eight houses in Armagh, an apartment in South Belfast as well as the sale of three houses being investigated and several bank accounts being frozen. Mrs Hughes then had the temerity to say. "I will not be deflected from standing up for the right of people in this community to proper policing". It is little wonder that ordinary working people watched in amazement as PSF clamoured to her defence whilst someone who is working on the quiet to supplement the paltry amount of money on the dole is being criminalized by the very same PSF.

We also had the case in the past of Pat Ramsay who claimed that he was a victim of a campaign of hoax bombs outside his home in the Bogside and that it was being orchestrated by Republicans. The dogs in the street knew that Republicans were not involved and it was common knowledge that Ramsay himself knew the identity of those young people who were 'planting' things like two toilet paper holders taped together.

However Ramsay continued to blame Republicans and it wasn't long before it became apparent why. It seems that if Republican involvement was suspected and the hoaxes continued then Pat would have qualified for a grant under a relocation scheme. This was proved when Pat defiantly said that these 'attacks' would not intimidate him or his family out of the Bogside yet he had already bought a house in the Waterside. Incidentally, the house in the Bogside which was vacated by Pat to save his family from distress was left to one of his family members.

The chairperson of the Derry DPP, Elisha Mc Laughlin, recently found herself in an embarrassing situation when her husband threatened people who were involved in a legitimate protest regarding a local issue in the Shantallow. It is these people who are going to hold the RUC/PSNI to account. To label the Police Ombudsman office a 'toothless tiger' would be inaccurate, it is more dangerous than that for nationalists. It provides a veneer of accountability and creates a smokescreen that makes it easier for the RUC/PSNI to harass, intimidate, gas and beat people with a baton.

In a court case in Derry a local Republican was charged by the RUC/PSNI with assault on their personnel despite it being blatantly clear that it was him and his partner who were being assaulted.

After viewing CCTV footage of the event the judge was left with no option to dismiss the case and mentioned the fact in relation to the police handling of the female that it was in fact the PSNI who was using unreasonable force. Despite the court ruling and the judge's comments the Ombudsman exonerated all the RUC/PSNI from any wrongdoing and claimed that they were only doing their duty. The record of the Ombudsman in coming down on the side of the PSNI has been so high that it was probably as bad if not worse when the RUC/PSNI were investigating themselves.

With such characters holding them to account, it is little wonder that RUC/PSNI don't even make a spurious effort at pretending to be a normal police force.

Nationalists are stopped and searched on a regular basis and the abuse of powers like Section 44, 'Terrorism Act' is rampant across the Six Counties on a daily basis. Recently they have introduced videoing these searches and with their history of collusion with loyalist death squads this has to be a worrying and sinister development. The RUC/PSNI still bully and threaten people regularly to try and make them become informers. A few months back in Derry they were caught and exposed using two young men with severe learning difficulties to spy on certain individuals and report their movements to them. This was reported in the local press and despite a wave of revulsion from locals, there was a muted response from their supporters in PSF and the SDLP.



They still use plastic bullets and CS gas against nationalists, grant drug dealers and other criminals immunity from prosecution giving them a free reign to terrorise working class communities.

They have been caught planting false evidence in order to get republicans decades in prison. Recently they have deployed the more direct method of internment in the cases of Terry Mc Cafferty and Colin Duffy. They have introduced more draconian measures such as 28 Day Detention. In Derry they have turned a blind eye to 'criminality' because the person involved is the father of an RUC/PSNI man. The recent revelations concerning a sex assault in Garnerville add further evidence as to the calibre of the people employed to uphold 'her majesty's writ' in Ireland.

Those who promote, support and act as cheerleaders for this Crown Force are cut from the same cloth. When we compare Conor Murphy and his party's reaction to the raids on wealthy Provos such as Sean Hughes and Slab Murphy and their reaction to raids on ordinary Republicans from working class areas around the six counties, it contrasts very deeply indeed. They come out in support of their rich comrades describing them as 'sound Republicans' and attacking 'political policing'. However, when the houses of working class Republicans are ransacked by the RUC/PSNI across the six counties they are labelled 'criminals' and they appeal to people to assist the RUC/PSNI in every way possible. The silence of other parties like the SDLP and the DUP in these circumstances is deafening. Normally these political opponents should be shouting from the rooftops at such difficulties in the other parties camp, but to do so may expose the fundamental weakness in the whole system that is British rule in Ireland.

For example the reaction to the investigation into Annette Hughes and how it sits with her position on the DPP from the SDLP and DUP was very muted. SDLP cllr and fellow DPP member Josephine O' Hare said, "I don't know if this has come up before. I don't know what the regulations are but I did think about it today." Whilst from the DUP representative we had the comment, "I am not sure what our position is." These are the people who claim they will be rigorously holding the police to account!

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The media can hardly be accused of painstakingly investigating these allegations either. In any other place where such groups who are charged to hold the enforcers of 'law and order' to account are acting in a questionable manner then any journalist or media organisation worth it's salt would be strongly investigating these allegations. In the media here we are lucky if such incidents are reported or even mentioned.

One of the biggest cheerleaders for people to accept British policing in Ireland has been the Catholic Church. Historically the Church has always attacked Republicans and taken the side of the British establishment. However, in light of recent revelations contained in the Murphy Report the Church's record on accountability within its own ranks on issues of profound depravity against children have exposed their hypocrisy and has firmly refuted their ability to offer any commentary on political or moral matters whatsoever.



The position of the 32 County Sovereignty Movement is clear; the British have no right to be in Ireland and no right to police its occupation under any guise other than that laid down under the Geneva Convention. And this is the crux of the matter. If any political group holds that the British are an occupying power then the issue of policing can only be addressed under the terms of International Law. On the other hand if treaties have been entered into with the British government conceding to them rights to be in Ireland then policing will be addressed as it is now, squalidly, ineffectively and in terms that prolong the conflict.

We do not need British powers to be devolved, we need them all to be removed.

Policing and Injustice

On a Friday night in November 2007 Gary Donnelly was standing talking to two friends on Foyle Street. Earlier that day he had just been acquitted of charges of assault on RUC/PSNI personnel when the police case against him was exposed as being ridiculous. To be facing spurious charges of assaulting police is something Gary has become accustomed to. A lot of nationalists in Derry would be familiar with the RUC/PSNI protocol of harassing, intimidating and beating people and then charging their victims with assault. As Gary was standing in Foyle St a heavily armed RUC/PSNI patrol seen him and alighted from their vehicles, the three men assumed that they were in for the usual round of abuse and harrasment which the RUC/PSNI explain away as 'necessary searches'. However, a few minutes later Gary Donnelly lay on the ground severely injured after a brutal assault that left him with a spiral fracture of his left upper arm. This type of three way fracture isn't a common injury and can only be caused with heavy concentrated pressure on this part of the arm. After they had broken Gary's arm they refused him medical attention and even placed a handcuff on the fractured arm despite the fact that it was clearly broken. They brought him to Strand Rd barracks and attempted to fingerprint him and again he was refused medical attention when a police doctor wouldn't allow Gary to view his identification. Republicans will be aware that the RUC/PSNI often masquerade as solicitors or doctors, and this doctor was standing with RUC man John Neal who was responsible for causing Gary's injury. Then, predictably, Gary was informed that he would be charged with assaulting and obstructing police officers. When the case came before the court the evidence given by the RUC/PSNI was riddled with inconsistencies and glaring contradictions. The bizarre claims ranged from Gary inflicting the injury himself after he left RUC custody with his solicitor to him throwing punches with his left arm despite the fact that at this stage the bone was shattered. During the course of the trial it was strongly suspected that someone had influence over the judge as his rulings and attitude was of enormous benefit to a weak and ridiculous prosecution

case. If Gary was acquitted that day it would have meant that RUC man John Neal would be open to prosecution for serious assault. Gary was found guilty of assault and obstruction, giving Gary a £450 fine the judge said that the assault was on a minor scale. Gary appealed the conviction on the point of principle that the RUC evidence was lies and that it was he who was seriously assaulted. When the appeal came before the court the RUC evidence was again filled with contradictions and blatant lies. Gary was cross examined about his political beliefs and his membership of the 32csm. The judge was

openly biased and accepted the prosecution case despite one RUC/PSNI member completely contradicting her colleagues and almost completely vindicating the defence case. The judge handed Gary a seven month prison sentence which was seen by everyone as completely vindictive and more to do with Gary's political beliefs than anything to do with the trial. The original sentence had been a £450 fine for a bogus assault which the judge described as minor, how this transformed itself to the maximum prison sentence possible for a magistrate's court to hand down with a month extra is something which confirms what republicans already know, that British justice is a contradiction in terms. At the time of the assault local pro-British politicians called for Gary to use their new mechanisms which held

the RUC/PSNI to account. For the record, Gary acting on legal advice went to the Police Ombudsman to lodge a statement. The RUC personnel were completely exonerated after an 'investigation'. After all these mechanisms were exhausted Gary Donnelly received a seven month prison because the RUC broke his arm. This vindicates the view that Republicans have of such 'accountable' bodies. That they are a smokescreen which provides the RUC with a veneer of accountability so that they can carry on with their human rights abuses. Gary Donnelly's experience proves this conclusively and is more proof than a million lies and hot air which come from the cheerleaders of the British colonial police in Ireland.

