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Free State Government fails miserably to deliver North Galway Health Campus

As we approach the 2009 local elections undoubtedly the Tuam hospital football will be kicked about again, with the people of north Galway and south Mayo still awaiting their health campus. Fianna Fail TD for Galway East Micheal Kitt issued the following pre-election statement dated Tuesday 8th may 2007. "Tenders are being sought from private developers for the construction of the Healthcare campus on the grounds of the former Bon Secour Hospital, Tuam. It is hoped that building work could commence on the site early next year (2008). The Health Service Executive has stated that the development will consist of a 77 bed community hospital including long stay, respite and palliative care beds. An ambulance base is also included in the plan as are mental health facilities, a primary care unit, a health centre and a medical assessment and minor injuries unit. The closing date for expressions of interest by developers is May 21st 2007 and interested should have their applications in by that date".



8,796 first preference votes later and elected to the 30th Dail and still no sign of a promised hospital for the people of North Galway and South Mayo. This current Fianna Fail government has squandered the country's financial resources with over budget projects, such as Dublin Port Tunnel, 350million over budget, LUAS 512million over budget and the M50 Motorway 500million over budget. Had this Health Campus been located in Dublin no doubt the work would have been actioned and completed by this stage? It seems apparent that the people of the West of Ireland only appear to become important come Election time, when false promises are offered in return for a mandate.

News from the Occupied Six Counties

The recent comments by Ian Paisley Jnr concerning his view that republican 'dissidents' should be shot on sight represents the Unionist equivalent of Provisional Sinn Fein's recent calls for informers to be activated against same. In tandem with recent activity by MI5 to recruit agents against Irish republicans and the continuing policy of Internment by Remand it seems a worrying and familiar pattern is re-emerging. A systematic campaign of repression is quickly manifesting itself as the official political response from the teetering Stormont regime to republican separatist activity. No doubt as the crisis deepens within Stormont so too will the oppression escalate.

Since its inception after the Good Friday Agreement the current Partitionist regime has maintained itself on one illusion after another but republican activity has exposed the flaws upon which they were built. Slowly but surely the edifice at Stormont is crumbling under the weight of its inherent contradictions and anti democratic premise. Republicans had warned of this from the beginning that unless the issue of the violation of Irish sovereignty was dealt with as the core cause of the conflict the conflict would continue. Ian Paisley Jnr knows this hence his call for the truth to be shot on sight. The 32 County Sovereignty Movement urges all republican separatists to remain steadfast in their analysis, to remain steadfast in their activity and to remain vigilant for the onslaught which will surely come from the failing entity

"We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible"

Garda harassment of shell to sea protesters continues



15 Shell to Sea activists entered the water at Glengad Beach to stop Shell pipeline excavation work. Dinghies, surfers and swimmers surrounded the machine and stopped the work by their presence in the water. 3 members of the Garda water unit then began picking people out of the boats and the water and bringing the protesters into the Shell compound where other Gardaí conveyed them then to Belmullet Garda station. Gardaí were questioned by activists, asked to identify themselves, and give reasons why they were pulling people from the water. Gardaí were questioned as to what authority they had to give directions or use force against protesters in the water. They refused to account for themselves. "Public Order Act" shouted one very aggressive Garda. 8 people in all were brought to Belmullet Station, however, it is wrong to state that these people were arrested. The Gardaí never formally arrested the protesters and didn't state under which section they were detained by the Gardaí. So it is more accurate to say that 8 protesters were "illegally detained" rather than arrested (all protesters were also unnecessarily handcuffed). All 8 were

released without charge, with the last being released around 6pm. With no regard for health and safety protocols, the Gardaí entered the sea to wrestle with protesters in the water. On at least one occasion they worked together with the Shell security team who grabbed one protester and held him until the Gardaí reached them. Initially the water Gardaí stayed in the boat, however, eventually two Gardaí entered the water to catch the swimmers. Three protesters moved onto a rock in the sea near the dredging operation. Intermittently the dredger tried to begin work again even with people very close. In one instance, the dredging machine picked up large amounts of debris from the sea bed and dumped it within inches of the protesters. The final three protesters were carried away at around 1pm. Mary Campbell who witnessed the events on the water said, "It was so dangerous. The huge dredging machine continued working right over those lads' heads and then the Gardaí half drowned them. It's amazing no one was killed. It's a crime that the Gardaí can work for Shell like that." Shell have issued a statement about how "Safety, including safety of workers on the site, members of the local community and any other members of the public, is the first priority of the company at all times". However, the pictures give the total lie to Shell's words and also illustrates that all the safety signs dotted around the compound are only for show as basic safety procedures are routinely breached. While the protesters were held in Belmullet Garda Station they were made to stay in their wetsuits even though dry clothes had been brought into the station for them by friends 'with an interest in their welfare'. Some of the detainees were held for over 4 hours and so it is totally unacceptable that they had to stay in wet clothes for all that time in the cells. Thursdays action was part of a Shell to Sea week of action against the pipeline. Protesters have vowed to continue and the following days until pipeline work stops

IRISH REPUBLICAN PRISONERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION (Supporting Republican POW's And Thier Families)

Republican POW's will not be criminalised

The IRPWA are becoming increasingly concerned at recent events in Portlaoise gaol whereby attempts have been made by some within the Free State establishment to cause unnecessary friction between POW's and the prison administration. On Friday 25th July, shortly after lock up at 8pm seven members of the prison staff entered the cell of Derry republican Gary Donnelly and told him that they had been contacted by the gardai at 7.30pm and informed that he had a mobile phone and that they had been told to search the cell and strip search Gary. In turn the prison staff were told that they could search the cell but that he would be refusing to be strip searched. The prison staff relayed this message to the assistant governor who became highly agitated roaring through the radio to strip search Gary. Gary Donnelly again refused and asked for his officer commanding who was duly sent for and arrived at Gary's cell. The OC again informed the prison staff that they could search the cell but that as they had a metal detector they had no need to strip search Gary and that under no circumstances would it be tolerated. The prison staff searched the cell and needless to say found nothing. The OC also demanded to see the assistant governor to whom he insisted that Republican POW's and political prisoners would not be criminalised nor victimised. He also demanded a meeting with the Governor for the following day.

On Saturday 26th the Officer Commanding Republican POW's on E3 and his adjutant met with the Governor and reiterated their position and also informed him that the Republican prisoners would be refusing to be locked up that day. The OC insisted that as political prisoners the men under his command would refuse to be treated like common criminals and told him if it was criminals he was looking for to search E1 where they were housed. The Republican prisoners then refused orders from the prison administration to lock up for head counts and stayed out of their cells until 9.30 that night. The IRPWA are convinced that this political directive from the Free State elite is aimed at creating conflict within the prison by criminalising and victimising Republicans. It is undoubtedly intended to interrupt the organisation and smooth running of E3 wing that has no doubt caused concern among some. We are also extremely concerned at the attempts to victimise and target Gary Donnelly. In recent weeks the media have been attempting to link Gary to various things with which he has no connection whatsoever. The IRPWA also fear that as Gary is effectively being interned on a charge with no evidence that an attempt may be made to plant a mobile phone in his cell which is a criminal offence thereby bolstering their capability to hold him. The IRPWA also are concerned at the increased incidents of petty harassment of visitors to the prison by prison staff, particularly female visitors. On a number of occasions females visitors have told of whistling and offensive remarks from both criminal prisoners and staff. In another incident visitors from Cork and Derry were refused entry at the front desk for not having photo ID, when a complaint was made to the governor he replied " The fella on the desk must have been in bad form" clearly this is unacceptable. The IRA POW's and other political prisoners housed on E3 have worked hard to build a tolerable regime on that wing as befits their political status and they will not allow faceless figures from the Free State establishment, no doubt at the behest of their British allies, to create an atmosphere of conflict, friction and criminalisation. The IRPWA will support the prisoners in whatever action the deem necessary to undertake to protect themselves and their status.

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