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STATEMENT BY AN TANAISTE, DICK SPRING T.D.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO REACT QUICKLY AND CALMLY TO THE HORROR

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OF WHAT IS HAPPENING ON A DAILY BASIS IN THE NORTH OF
IRELAND, A NEW ATROCITY HAPPENS TO STIR THE CONSCIENCE
OF US ALL.
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COMMIT THESE BLASPHEMIES ARE NO PART OF WHAT THE IRISH PEOPLE
STAND FOR. IN SENDING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES
OF THE INNOCENT VICTIMS, WE MUST ALSO RESOLVE THAT IF THERE
IS ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO TO BRING THEIR KILLERS TO JUSTICE, IT WILL BE DONE.

BOTH AS AN IRISHMAN AND AS A CHRISTIAN, I REJECT THESE KILLERS
AND WHATEVER INSANE VISION THEY REPRESENT.

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