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They are the few, we are the many

A Letter From Ireland

a Chara,

In July, windows were smashed and paint thrown over a recently renovated house in Antrim Town. The house was intended for a catholic family with a disabled child. The police described this as a sectarian hate crime. Local pro-British protestant paramilitaries were blamed. The same groups that murdered hundreds and once targeted individuals under the guise of “any taig (catholic) will do”.

This case was reported in the local media but got a little broader coverage.

The North of Ireland was designed on a sectarian basis and sectarianism remains. It is diminished but not vanquished.

Last weekend a racist anti-immigrant rally in Belfast descended into attacks on businesses and violence. They were only stopped from gaining access to a local Islamic center by the actions of the community of Lower Ormeau.

The community faced sectarian abuse with some racists taunting residents about how pro-British paramilitaries had killed five people in an attack on a local bookmaker shop 30 years ago.

The connection between sectarianism and racism is well-rehearsed. They are two sides of the same coin. Prejudice and discrimination based on religion or race are still prejudice and discrimination.

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Union Jack flag of Britain was a small number of Irish Tricolours.

The racist protests had been joined by like-minded protestors from Dublin. These Irish white nationalists, who masquerade as Irish Patriots online, found a common cause with British white nationalists. They claim to stand up for the Irish people by standing by those who attack Irish citizens in the North.

These groups want to portray all of Ireland as united in opposition to immigrants. Nothing is further from the case. Ireland is united against racism. Their representatives were rejected in the recent election in the South. On Thursday, the Assembly in North was reconvened. All parties were united in opposition to the actions of racist groups.

The racist groups blame the housing crisis in the South on immigrants. This is a lie. It is the fault of decades of Irish Governments led by Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael. They hide behind slogans like "Ireland is full". It is not. We have plenty of development land, but a system of property developers and landlords work to keep prices high and supply low.

Others promote the slogan "Ireland for the Irish". Where this leaves those British citizens living in the North for generations is never explained.

The Irish come in all shapes, sizes, colors, and sects. Being Irish does not mean being solely white or Christian as the racists would have you believe. Our nation is bigger than that. We are a shared and welcoming home for all who hold our island and ALL its people dear.

The racists who took to the streets in Belfast have united the people of all Ireland in opposition to their violence and views.

They are the few, we are the many.

Have a great weekend.

Is mise,

Ciarán

Ciarán Quinn is the Sinn Féin Representative to North America

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Statement from the Executive and Michelle O'Neill

Statement by all the parties in government, Sinn Féin, DUP, Alliance, and UUP:

As an Executive, we stand united in our call for an end to the violence, disorder and racist attacks.

All criminality will be addressed with a zero-tolerance approach. We all see the devastating impact these attacks have had on victims, their families and our communities. Those involved in violence, intimidation, in causing chaos and destruction, will be dealt with by the full force of the law.

People are entitled to take part in peaceful protests and to raise concerns, but there is no justification for racism in any form or for acts of violence and destruction.

We welcome the briefing from the Chief Constable, Jon Boutcher. The PSNI have our full support.

We acknowledge the challenges facing the PSNI and the request for additional funding to help them meet the demands on their officers.

We will be working across our departments and agencies in our response and we will continue to press the Treasury for fair funding to deliver the best possible public services.

It is important that we recognise the significant and positive contribution of minority ethnic people within our health service, economic, public, political, social, and cultural life.

Everyone who lives here deserves to be part of and benefit from a fair and inclusive society where everyone is made to feel safe and welcome.

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No Pasarán! We will not be denied a better future by sectarian and racist extremists

By Declan Kearny

While the calls to bring people onto the streets for anti-immigrant demonstrations in recent days at various locations across the north, including Antrim Town, failed as effective mobilisations, the seriousness of their underlying racist motivation should not be underestimated.

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sectarian extremists to stir up tensions.

For over two months now, a systematic campaign of racist and sectarian intimidation has been conducted in the town itself and surrounding area.

This began with the placing of racist posters in the greater Ballycraigy neighbourhood. That was quickly followed by the erection of flags and painting of graffiti in a still unoccupied social housing development.

As a result, some of those due to be housed there were too frightened to take up occupancy.

Elsewhere, international health workers were intimidated from their homes and have since left employment in the Northern Trust.

The attacks on homes and property belonging to these workers is outrageous.



The subsequent erection of flags, painting of kerbstones, and vandalising of homes is part of an orchestrated campaign to impose sectarian and racial segregation.

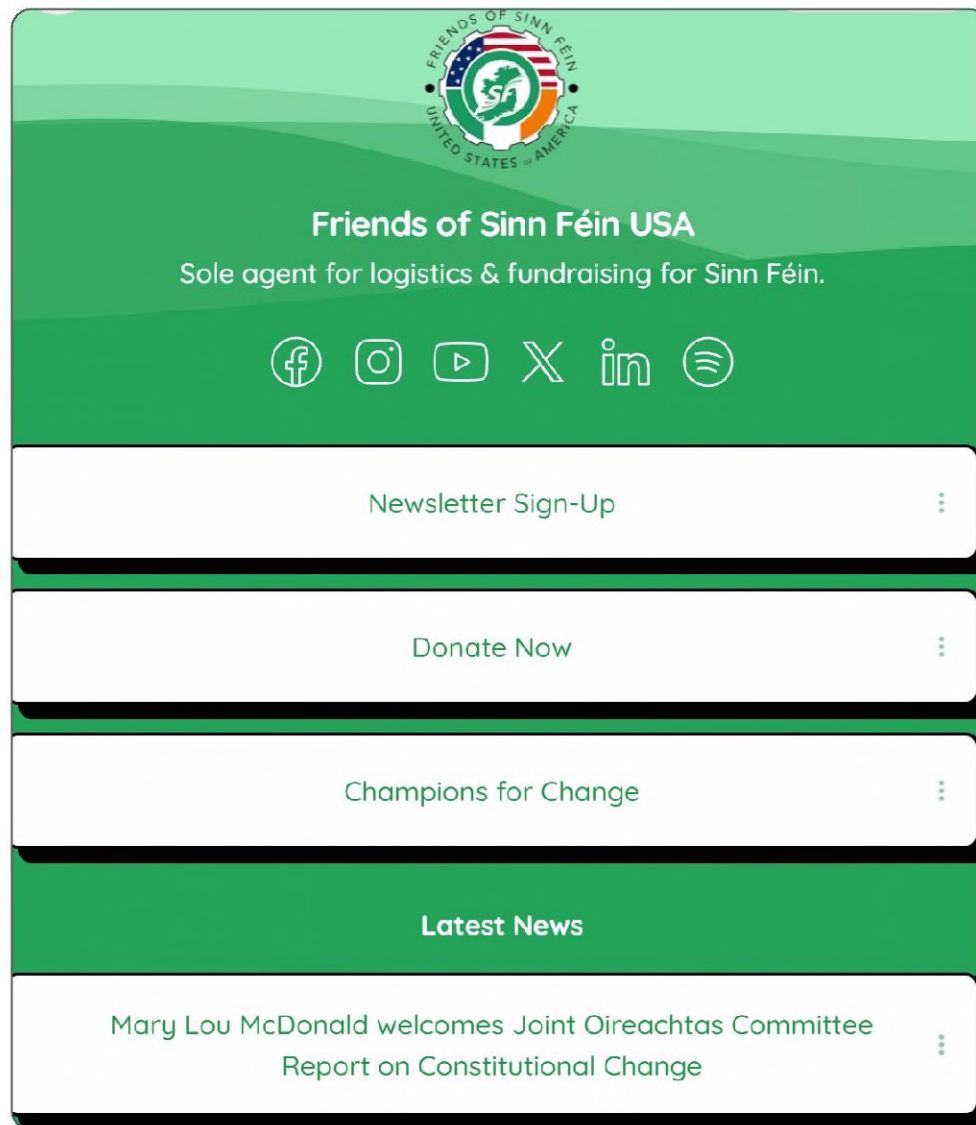
A gang of self-styled paramilitary criminals are trying to control and coerce the Ballycraigy neighbourhood. For decades, they have been involved in drug crime and other forms of criminality, including serious sectarian violence. They are sectarian, racist, criminal extremists.

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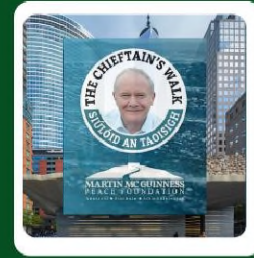
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