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A Tale of Many Taoiseachs

A Letter from Ireland

a Chara,

I have been thinking about the Irish Unity People's Assemblies recently hosted by Friends of Sinn Féin in Washington DC and Rockland, NY.

Common across both events was the refusal of the Irish Government to plan prepare or advocate for Irish Unity.

After all this government is led by "Fianna Fáil – The Republican Party" and "Fine Gael – The United Ireland Party". It seems that both have ditched the second half of their names.

The Good Friday Agreement amended the Irish Constitution with Irish Unity as the "firm will" of the Irish Nation. Despite this constitutional imperative, the current program of the government is silent on unity.

The leader of Fine Gael and Tánaiste Simon Harris, when asked about reunification, casually dismissed the issue as "not a priority" for him.

The Fianna Fáil leader and Taoiseach Micheal Martin will perform all sorts of verbal acrobatics to avoid even mentioning a United Ireland. Former Taoiseach, Sean Lemass, set Fianna Fáil policy, when he said, "Our goal is the reunification of Ireland by agreement and we cannot expect very speedy results. For the record that was in December 1959 sixty-six years ago.

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people to decide. It appears that the closer society gets to unity the further away Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael retreat.

Recent ARINS (Analysing and Researching Ireland North and South) polling data carried in the Irish Times show increasing support for Irish unity in the North. Support for Unionism (continued partition) no longer enjoys majority support. In the south support for unity remains consistent at over 60%.

The polls show majority support in both jurisdictions for referendums in the coming years. The polling also found that 77% of Northern Unionists would be happy or could live with the result if a referendum delivered Unity.

The demand for referendums is building.

An intervention by the Irish Government would be the game changer in terms of winning a referendum for Unity in the North. It is all to play for in terms of unity and the Irish Government is refusing to take to the pitch.

Both Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael have prospered under partition. They do not organize in the North of Ireland. They have no long-term vision for the nation. For them, it is about retaining power in Dublin. Simon Harris might as well have said that the future is not a priority for him. It is all about maintaining the status quo and refusing to recognize the historic economic, social, and cultural potential for our nation to be unified.

The former Taoiseach and leader of Fine Gael is due to speak at a fundraising diner in Philadelphia in April for the pro-Unity Ireland's Future. He recently wrote in his newspaper words to the effect that movement towards unity would have to come from outside of this government.

This Irish Government will not change itself. However, you have leverage and skin in the game. Now is the time to raise your concerns as an Irish Minister shmooze their way across the US and Canada. It is time for them to listen and begin to plan and prepare for Unity.

Have a great weekend.

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Sinn Féin leaders announce they will not attend White House events this year

Uachtarán Shinn Féin Mary Lou McDonald TD and First Minister Michelle O'Neill MLA have this morning announced they will not attend St Patrick's Day events at the White House this year.

The leaders stated this is a 'principled stance in response to the call for the mass expulsion of the Palestinian people from Gaza'.

The announcement was made this morning at a press conference in Dublin. First Minister Michelle O'Neill said, "I have taken the decision as First Minister not to attend events at the White House this year.

"The decision not to travel to the White House has not been taken lightly, but it is taken conscious of the responsibility each of us as individuals have to call out injustice.

"We are all heartbroken as we witness the suffering of the Palestinian people and the recent comments of the US President around the mass expulsion of the Palestinian people from Gaza, something I cannot ignore.

"I have travelled to the US on many occasions to seek support for peace and for our economy in the face of Brexit. I have met with senior figures on Capitol Hill. I have met with successive US Presidents. I have always spoken honestly and passionately and I will always do so.

"I am fully aware of the positive impact the US can have because we have experienced it in Ireland, north and south and it has had a transformational impact. And I will continue to engage with the US – politically and economically.

"But people look to us as leaders.

"In the future, when our children and grandchildren ask me what I did while the Palestinian people endured unimaginable suffering, I can say I stood firmly on the

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Uachtarán Shinn Féin Mary Lou McDonald TD said, “I have followed with growing concern what is happening on the ground in Gaza and the West Bank and like many other Irish people have listened in horror to calls from the President of the United States for the mass expulsion of the Palestinian people from their homes and the permanent seizure of Palestinian land. Such an approach is a fundamental breach of international law, is deeply destabilising in the Middle East and a dangerous departure from the UN position of peace and security for Palestine and Israel and the right of Palestinians to self determination.

“The ties between Ireland and the United States are historic and run deep. There are deep bonds between Sinn Féin and people in the United States who supported peace and prosperity in Ireland. These relationships are valuable and enduring. The US is a valued friend to Ireland. Their work in helping to achieve the Good Friday Agreement stands as a clear example of successful U.S. foreign policy. They are an important partner for peace and play a strong role in Ireland’s economy. St. Patrick’s Day, each year, is an important moment to re-enforce all of those connections.

“But there is also an onus on us to speak honestly and to act when we believe a US administration is wrong, catastrophically so in the case of Palestine.

“I have thought deeply about this issue in recent days and listened to many voices inside and outside of Sinn Féin. I have made the decision not to attend the event in the White House this year as a principled stance against the call for the mass expulsion of the Palestinian people from Gaza, something which I believe demands serious dissent and objection.

“The only route to peace and security is a permanent ceasefire, followed by a negotiated settlement that guarantees peace and security for both Palestinians and Israelis through a just and sustainable two-state solution. That should be the position of the United States.

“Sinn Féin will continue to engage with the US administration at various levels, with friends of Ireland on Capitol Hill, and with the trade union movement and business leaders both in the United States and right across Ireland. We will continue our relentless work for a future of peace, progress, stability and prosperity.

“An Taoiseach will attend the White House for his bilateral engagement with the United States President. It is he who represents the Irish people and will have the

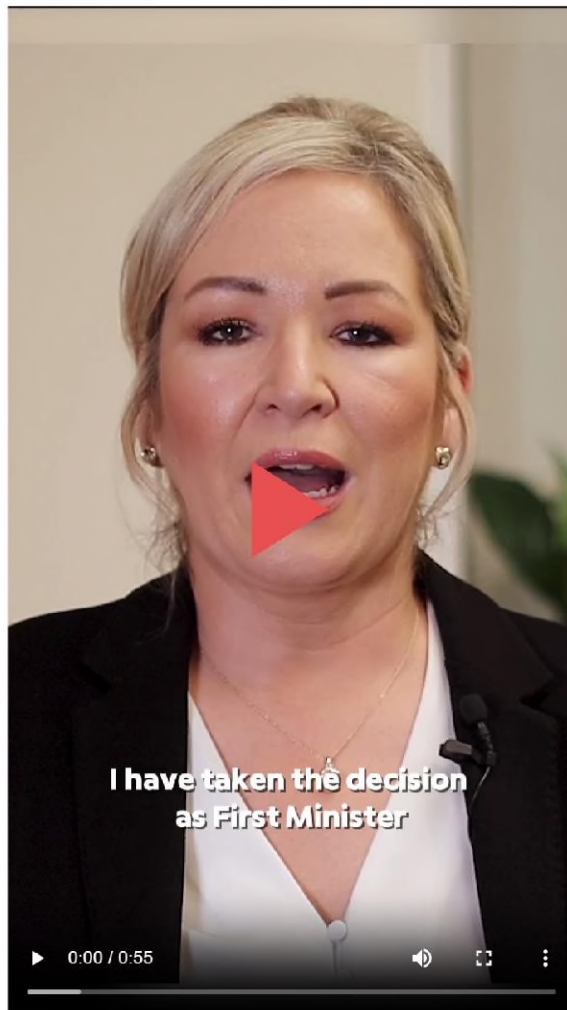
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Palestine, in support of international law and to reject threats for the mass expulsion of the Palestinian people and seizure of land.

“We will be briefing members of the International Diplomatic Corps in Dublin later on today and business leaders, north and south in the coming week.”



LAOH & AOH host *Lost Gaels* book events

Peadar Thompson’s groundbreaking new book, *Lost Gaels: Remembering the Members of the GAA Killed During the Conflict in Ireland*, is the first comprehensive

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The Ancient Order of Hibernians will be hosting a series of events with Peadar Thompson who will lead an engaging talk about the impact of The Troubles on the GAA community. Following the talk, there will be a Q&A session where you can dive deeper into this compelling history.

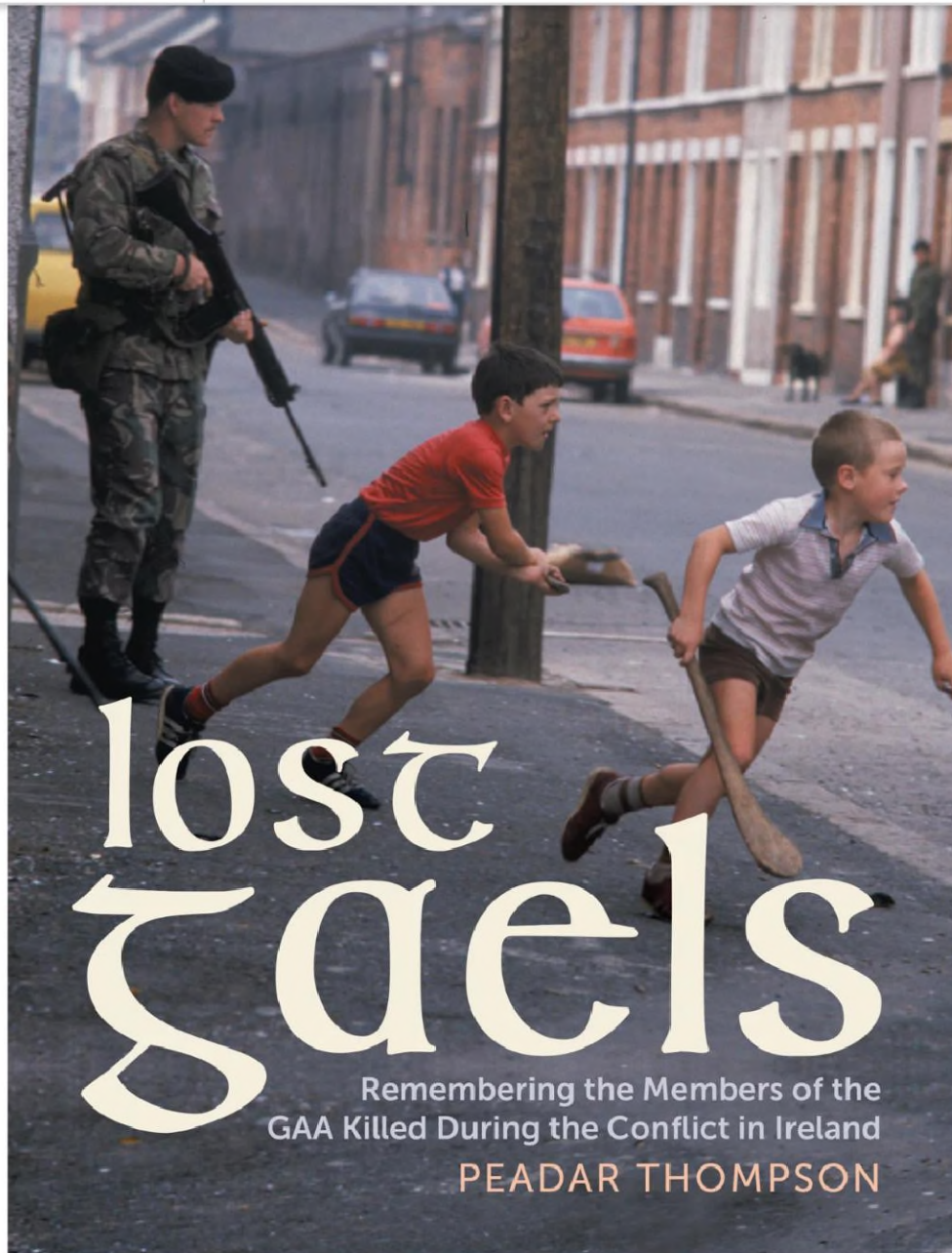
Events are scheduled for Watertown, MA, Albany, NY, Glastonbury, CT, Orangeburg, NY, New York, NY, Middletown, NJ, Philadelphia, PA, Baltimore, MD, Pittsburgh, PA, Cleveland, OH, and Chicago, IL. Click the button below for more information and details.

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Sectarian bigots will not succeed in dividing the Randalstown community

Sinn Féin's Declan Kearney has described the erection of sectarian signs in Neillsbrook, Randalstown as a sinister attempt by a small number of bigots to cause community division within the town.

Randalstown area.

“It was a deliberate attack against the positive work of local sports clubs which cooperate closely together to promote inclusion and good relations between our different sporting codes and traditions.

“The small number of sectarian bigots responsible for this attack have nothing to offer society. They will not succeed in dividing the people of Randalstown, or in stopping cooperation between our local sports clubs.

“A zero tolerance is required towards the cancer of sectarianism in our community. We must redouble our collective efforts to build a new, progressive future for all of our people, based upon inclusion, equality and anti-sectarianism.”



‘Fleadh Cheoil would mark important milestone in Belfast’s ongoing transformation’

Sinn Féin MP Paul Maskey has said Fleadh Cheoil would be an ‘historic celebration of arts and culture’, as the festival is expected to come to Belfast in 2026.

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Belfast.

“The festival would be an historic celebration of arts and culture, attracting hundreds of thousands visitors and injecting tens of millions of pounds into our economy.

“This is hugely exciting news for our citizens and businesses, and is sure to have a positive impact on our communities for generations to come.

“Sinn Féin has supported Belfast playing host to this festival for many years, and I look forward to the week-long programme of events focusing on music, singing, dancing, storytelling and the Irish language.

“As we continue with the regeneration of Belfast, this festival would mark an important milestone in our city’s ongoing transformation.”

Economy Minister Caoimhe Archibald added, “Through its programming and tireless efforts, the team at Féile an Phobail have succeeded in showcasing Belfast as a culturally vibrant city.

“Féile brings arts and culture into the heart of communities and is a powerful advertisement of how we are further developing our rightful position on the world travel and tourism stage.”



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