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The Brits are at it again

A letter from Ireland

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This week, the British parliament in Westminster, London, went into summer recess. Given their sitting schedule, there will be little to no legislation passed by them until October.

While I normally have little interest in the domestic political programme of their parliament, this break impacts on their commitments to Ireland, the US, and Canada.

The previous Tory party government of Boris Johnson pushed through a law granting immunity to British Agents and others for acts committed during the conflict, ended inquests into conflict-related killings, and blocked victims and their families from having access to the courts. This egregious legislation broke with all legal precedents, including the European Convention on Human Rights to which the British Government was a signatory.

This law was objected to by the Irish Government, US Congress, all Irish political parties, international human rights bodies, and most importantly by the families of those killed in the conflict. The Irish Government instigated legal proceedings against the British Government in the European courts, as it was not compatible with their Human Rights obligations

The British Labour Party objected to the bill as it travelled through the parliament. As the lead party of the opposition, the Labour Party committed to revoke the law if it ever got into government.

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and amend” the law. The body charged with investigating previous actions would remain in place. This includes the former head of the Special Branch overseeing the investigations into the actions of his former unit. The families of victims of state violence have made clear they have no faith in the body to get to the truth of what happened to their loved ones.

This week, Chief Human Rights Commissioner, Alyson Kilpatrick, and also a former Police Ombudsman, Nuala O’Loan, raised grave concerns over the independence and governance arrangements of the body. The Labour Government continues to support the body.

The party committed to repealing the sections of the law that provide immunity for prosecution, restarting inquests and reinstating the rights of victims' families to access the court. One year on and no amending legislation has been introduced.

Have a great weekend.

Is mise,

Ciarán

Ciarán Quinn is the Sinn Féin Representative to North America

Sinn Féin leadership hosts international diplomatic community in Westminster on growing momentum for Irish reunification

This week in Westminster, the Sinn Féin leadership hosted the international diplomatic community on the growing momentum for Irish reunification underway in Ireland.

There are huge opportunities ahead to build a new and better future for workers, families and communities, working alongside both governments in London and Dublin.

This is a pivotal moment to strengthen British-Irish relations and open a new chapter based on hope, progress and partnership.

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IRISH UNITY IS AFFORDABLE

A new Ireland – a United Ireland – is viable and affordable is the conclusion of Professor John Doyle's report – 'The Projected Public Finances of the Early Years of a United Ireland, and the Northern Ireland Subvention' which was published in July. Professor Doyle of Dublin City University, using the most recent economic data, states that: "For the South the costs associated with Unity have tended to be exaggerated and the benefits

of an all-Ireland economy largely ignored." He concludes that the initial cost of Unity would be just over €3b per annum. This could be "funded by taxes or borrowing of less than three quarters of one per cent of GNI* in year one, (falling gradually as the overall economy of the island grows) and reaching breakeven point within five to nine years."

Paul Maskey MP examines the implications of Professor Doyle's report on page 6

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Féin's representative to North America Ciarán Quinn.

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Ciaran Quinn, Sinn Féin Representative to North America, here reviews the RTÉ documentary, *NORAIID: Irish America and the IRA*. The first part was broadcast last Wednesday and the final episode goes out tonight at 21.25. Both can also be viewed now on the RTÉ Player.

The British And Irish Government's Aversion to Irish Unification

By Judge Michael C. Mentel

Twenty-seven years ago an agreement was entered into by the British and Irish governments, along with key unionist and nationalist political parties, which brought an end to the Troubles. The agreement was the Good Friday Agreement (the "GFA").

The GFA established various political structures to realign the unionist and nationalist communities towards a cooperative and respectful coexistence. Notably, these

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structures suffered some difficulties over the years, they are still in place today.



All indicators make clear that a border poll is at hand. The economics, facts, and surveys tell us that the government must lead a planning process, and it must do so soon. The Irish and UK governments aversion to holding dialogue on a border poll, while issuing a joint statement in support of the northern status quo, is not grounded in the GFA and its sound public policy. Preparing a plan is not the execution of the plan. And, failure to do so is inexcusable.

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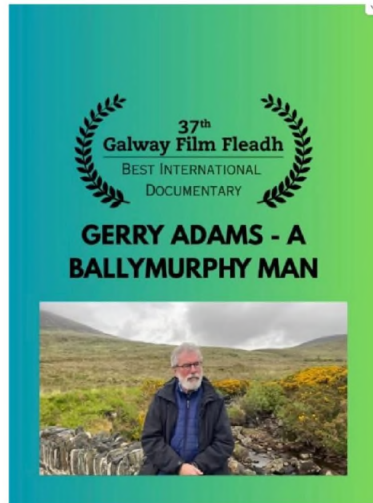
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Galway Film Fleadh! Congratulations to Trisha Ziff!

From *Screendaily* “Trisha Ziff’s absorbing documentary reveals a history of Northern Ireland through one man’s life and proves surprisingly emotional in the message of hope that emerges from Adams’ struggles.” [Read the full review here.](#)



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