



DUP motion

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Troubles "must not go down in history as a war"

The Assembly should shun moves to dub the Northern Ireland conflict as a war, the DUP will

say later today.

The 30-year struggle with the IRA was a terrorist campaign and should not be renamed, unionists are expected to argue during a debate at Stormont.

The motion from the party's North Antrim MLA Mervyn Storey was sparked after a suggestion the UK Government may be asked to say it fought a war against republicans. It is being considered by the Consultative Group on the Past, established to consider how to deal with the legacy of the Troubles.

Chief constable Sir Hugh Orde has said it can't be dealt with in a piecemeal fashion.

The consultative group, co-chaired by Lord Eames and Denis Bradley, is seeking talks with senior IRA and loyalist figures before publishing a report in the summer.

While republican and loyalist groups claimed they were fighting a war, which gave them legitimacy, governments and the security forces branded it a criminal breakdown of law and order.

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