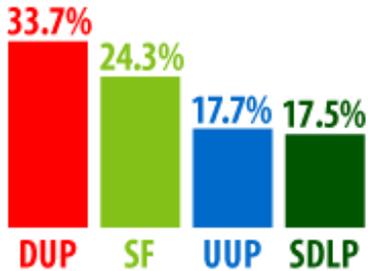


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## DUP LEADER STATES POSITION ON 'ON THE RUNS'

DUP Leader Ian Paisley has reiterated the Party's position that any proposals to allow an amnesty for so-called 'On The Runs' are totally unacceptable and said that if such proposals come forward then they would have dire consequences for the political process. Speaking today Dr Paisley said,



*"I have been in contact with Downing Street to reinforce our view that any proposal to let on the runs go free without facing justice is obnoxious to the law abiding citizens in Northern Ireland. The DUP has said repeatedly that we will not tolerate proposals coming forward by whatever route to allow any amnesty for terrorists who have evaded justice in Northern Ireland. Any such proposal would be completely unacceptable.*

*There can be no deal on this issue by the back door, or any side deal which allows these fugitives off the hook. No-one should be unaware of the dire consequences for the political process in Northern Ireland if the Government are foolish enough to proceed.*

*If there is sufficient evidence to convict someone of a crime then they should stand trial for it. There is no way that the dropping of a viable case can ever be in the interests of the people of Northern Ireland.*

*It is important for the relatives of innocent victims that they know the police are working to identify the perpetrators of crimes and we will continue to make it clear that any proposals for an amnesty is totally unacceptable."*

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