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DALLAT BLASTED

North Antrim DUP Assembly Member, Ian Paisley Jnr, has blasted SDLP MLA John Dallat following a Police Ombudsman's report into accusations about the Greysteel attack in 1993:



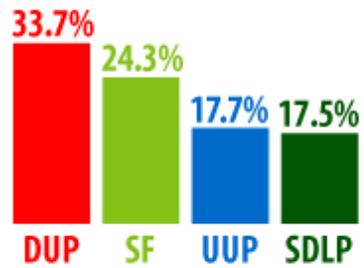
"The Police Ombudsman has concluded that the RUC had no advance warning about the Greysteel atrocity. In response specifically to allegations from John Dallat, the report found that, "There was no evidence that he had provided information which could have prevented the Greysteel attack".

In response to another accusation from John Dallat, the report did not find any evidence that one of the killers was protected from the rigours of the law, emphasising that the individual in question had been convicted of more than one atrocity.

This whole sorry episode serves to highlight the need for elected representatives to act responsibly. Wild allegations can be deeply damaging to community confidence in

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policing. The reputation of individual officers has been besmirched, not to mention the impact on the relatives of the victims.

I would be interested to know the total number of hours that have been expended on Mr Dallat's accusations and the overall resultant costs. We're unlikely to hear any apologies from John Dallat, either for his allegations or for the resources that have been squandered as a consequence.

Mr Dallat should be a little more circumspect and, rather than chase cheap headlines, recognise the repercussions that allegations like this can have on the community in Northern Ireland and policing in particular."

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