

DESSIE ELLIS

and the

LOCAL ELECTIONS



The current plight of Dessie Ellis - seven months in an English jail - is the responsibility of Fianna Fail, which has made our citizens the most easily extraditable in the whole of Europe.

Just as in opposition they were against service charges, yet in power implemented them and locked up people who refused to pay, so they were verbally against extradition when in opposition but, in power, have handed over people like Dessie Ellis. (They even jailed Sligo Borough Alderman Declan Bree for peacefully protesting Dessie's extradition).

Dessie Ellis was extradited, in the midst of a hunger strike and on a stretcher, to England without a shred of evidence ever being presented to back up the charges on the warrants. Justice Minister Ray Burke and Attorney-General John Murray never even bothered to check whether the charges could be proceeded with in court in England.

Fianna Fail cannot dodge the fact that it is responsible for Dessie's plight today and the ordeal that the Ellis family is still being put through. Just how long do they intend to let the British keep Dessie locked up without charges being proceeded with? How many more people like Dessie, like supergrass victim Paul Kane (whose conviction in the north had already been overturned before Fianna Fail extradited him), like frame-up victim Robert Russell (whose conviction was overturned 21/2 years after he was extradited) do they intend to hand over?

The Birmingham Six, Guildford Four, Judith Ward, Maguire Seven, and many other similar cases have made the British judicial system the most discredited in Europe. Our citizens must not be extradited on political-type charges to that system characterised by frame-ups, anti-Irish bigotry, trial-by-media etc.

In the local elections you can show your opposition by challenging canvassers and candidates on extradition and refusing to support candidates and parties which continue to hand over Irish people to Britain. Tell them that you want to hear them and their parties demand loud and clear that Dessie be set free and that political extradition be stopped before you will consider voting for them.

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