

# Fermanagh Cumann 32 County Sovereignty Movement



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### **Maghaberry Nightmare Continues**



The obscenity that is the Six County statelet is once again demonstrated by its brutalisation of Republican POW's. This brutalisation is State policy. All those who administer the State are culpable in its actions. Maghaberry Prison is part of the Penal and Policing apparatus and cannot be detached to facilitate political expediency or awkward decision making.

The visit to Maghaberry by recently appointed Stormont Minister David Forde was a most cynical and choreographed exercise. Having previously blamed the prisoners themselves for the mistreatment they are enduring it was of no surprise that during his visit Forde refused to interact with the prisoners to hear their point of view. Neither Stormont nor Westminister has any interest other than the implementation of their own shared policy.

We welcome the recent acknowledgement by Provisional Sinn Fein as to the political status of the republican prisoners via the recent delegation to the prison. This recognition is central in seeking the reintroduction of political status as the starting point to addressing wider prisoner concerns. The abuses in Maghaberry are political abuses and can only be resolved in a political context. There can be no horse trading to secure short term resolutions. If the political mindset does not radically shift the prison authorities, as directed by their political authorities, will return to type.

There is clearly a momentum gathering behind the republican prisoners. The frequency and size of public protests is steadily growing. We are mindful that state and party responses to this growth may well be aimed at negating this impact as opposed to genuinely seeking a resolution to the prisoner's plight. Therefore it is essential that we are not deflected by minimalist efforts but keep ourselves focused on maximum results.



Next Fermanagh POW Picket

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 3.00pm Cornagrade Road, Enniskillen The prisoners are removed to the punishment unit after being beaten and in most cases their clothes are physically cut off of them. All these factors remind us of all the torture endured in previous era's of the republican struggle and if not resolved quickly will deteriorate rapidly and will result in the P.O.W'S taking drastic action as a last resort.

We ask people to remember that no campaign of criminalization will deter these brave men who have stood up to the might of the British government and continue the legacy left to them by their comrades led by Bobby Sands in 1981 in the fight for Political status.



- Restore political status
- End Internment
- End British Rule in Ireland

"England get out of Ireland" Vol. Bobby Sands

#### **Local News:**

#### Gardai/ERU Search farmland along Fermanagh/Monaghan border



The 32 County Sovereignty Movement condemns the Gardai and the ERU, Emergency Response Unit, for a recent search operation it carried out on farmland in the townland of Drumully on the Fermanagh/Monaghan border during the week of the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of May.

The owner of the land that was being searched contacted a member of the 32csm in Fermanagh to say that he confronted heavily armed men on his land last week who said they were from the Gardai.

The man, who does not wish to be named, is a local farmer, said that he was awakened in the early hours of the morning last week by his dogs barking. As the man went outside to check he saw a large amount of men with guns out on his land and in his outbuildings. Shocked at these events that where unfolding before him the man then cautiously approached these armed men to see what they were doing on his land as he confronted them they stated that they were Gardai and produced badges of identification to the man and said that they were carrying out a routine search.

When asked by the farmer what they were searching for they said "it's in relation to terrorist activity in the area".

The search went on for a number of hours and nothing was found.

There were no Garda vehicles present during the search. When the search was over unmarked vehicles with Southern registrations and blackened out windows removed the armed party from the scene and sped in the direction of Clones.

The 32csm in Fermanagh condemns this invasive and intimidating activity by the Gardai. We ask people who may notice suspicious activity or have been the focus of other unknown Gardai/ERU searches in the area to come forward to the 32csm in Fermanagh so as to expose this blatant harassment of vulnerable people.

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