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# SINN FÉIN

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Talk of cancellation of the Irish - Scots and Irish - Welsh Rugby matches is very disturbing. Sinn Fein sees no reason why these matches should be cancelled. We are however opposed to the English occupation of part of our country, to the corrupt Stormont regime and to foreign economic control of Ireland. The Scots and Welsh are fellow Celts who have endured economic exploitation and cultural assimilation under English domination just like ourselves. We have no quarrel with the people of Scotland or Wales, nor indeed with the ordinary people of England. We are however opposed to the English occupation of part of our country, to the corrupt Stormont regime and to foreign economic control of Ireland. The blame for this rests with the Government in Westminster who seek to impose their will on us by brute force and terror.

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The Rugby matches should go ahead. No true Irish Republican will offer opposition to them.

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