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## PUP leader urges loyalists not to react to killings

By Brian Rowan Tuesday, 10 March 2009

Loyalist political leader Dawn Purvis has called for a "swift, direct and focused" police response to the weekend dissident republican gun attack at Massereene Barracks.

And the Stormont politician has warned that loyalist retaliation would "divert police resources away from pursuing these criminals".

The East Belfast MLA, a former member of the Policing Board, said: "There is understandable anger in the wider community. Loyalism is part of that wider community and not immune to feelings of shock and anger." But she added: "That anger needs to be channelled positively."

Ms Purvis said the paramilitaries should "not react to these small criminal gangs" — a reference to the dissident republican organisations, including the Real IRA which has admitted being behind the weekend attack.



PUP leader Dawn Purvis

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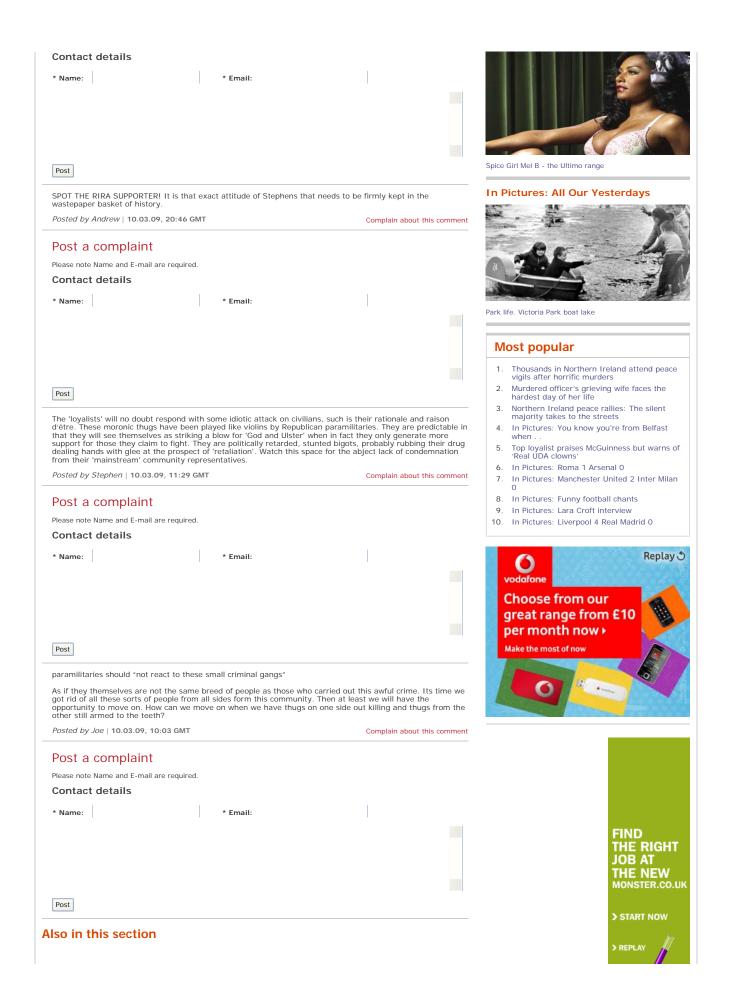
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In response to Alex, I too very much hope that 'loyalism' won't react in a violent way, but their 'political analysis' is pretty much non existent, as is their central leadership and political rationale. There will be figures within the power vaccum of loyalism vying for positions of power, looking to galvanise their criminal enterprises round some sort of political veneer. Loyalism has always been kneejerk and absolutely, totally counter-productive to it's stated aim. Let's face it, your average loyalist isn't political, is stoked with hatred and a blind bigotry. They're not bright and easily led. TUV and elements of the DUP will still say 'just' enough to plant a murderous thought in their minds.  I very much hope it's not the case  **Posted by Stephen*   11.03.09, 11:46 GMT  **Complain about this comment*  Post a complaint  Please note Name and E-mail are required.  **Contact details*  **Name:  **Email:	Results by  John Hunter Glazing  Belfast Glaziers  Glaziers  Moygannon Nurseries Landscaping Any Size Landscapers  Kearney Consulting Ltd  EPC's And Building Surveys Surveyors - Building  US SPAS DIRECT Leading Supplier Of Luxury Hot Tubs Gazebo's Sauna's & Swim Spa's In N. Ireland Hot Tubs & Spas  Antrim Road Dental Clinic Cosmetic Surgery Clinic Dental Surgeons
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