

# THE PEOPLE'S PAPER

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*"Surely madness has seized upon our rulers when we see them telling the people of the Capital of Ireland that they cannot hope to rebuild a city of healthy homes on a civilised basis, and that the reason why they cannot so hope is because Ireland is a part of the British Empire"*  
(read: EU Defense PESCO) quote by James Connolly in December 1915

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## Eagarfhocal

Tháinig an ghéarchéim tithíochta chun tosaigh ins na meán arís le déanaí, nuair a d'fhoilsíodh go raibh níos mó na 10,000 fágtha gan dídean, 3,000 leanaí ina measc.

Briseadh chroí atá ann, ag féachaint ar leanaí taobh amuigh d'Ard-Oifig an Phoist i mBaile Átha Cliath ag seasamh i líne chun bia a fháil.

Tá an scannal seo linn le fada, ach ní fhacamar rialtas fós atá sásta an t-aon réiteach amháin atá ann dó a chur i bhfeidhm.

Is é sin, go ndéanfadh na Comhairlí Áitiúil ar fud na tíre an rud a dhineadar i rith na caogaidí, na seascaidí agus na seachtóidí... tithíocht a thógáil.

Siar san am son bheadh foirne oibre ag na Comhairlí chun obair tógála a dhéanamh agus ní raibh línte feithimh againn, mar atá inniu.

Samhlaigh, gur ceann des na tíortha is saibhre ar domhain i Éire, ach fós tá an fhadhb seo againn.

Tá glúin thagtha ar an saol in Éirinn, ón bhliain 2000 ar aghaidh, agus níl seans ar bith go mbeidh siad in ann tigh a cheannach chun socrú síos, chun pósadh agus clann a bheith acu.

Agus cén fáth? Mar b'fhearr len ár rialtas, agus an stát, chúrsaí tithíochta a phriobháidiú. Tá go leor daoine ag déanamh mórchuid airgead as earnáil nua, earnáil na géarchéime tithíochta - sin an fadhb atá againn.

## Organised Crime

Last month John Murphy, a retired Garda Superintendent of 30 years service, pleaded guilty to involvement in the illegal drug trade.

Murphy's home in north Dublin had been raided in September last year and over €13,000 worth of cannabis was found.



The raid on Murphy's home was part of a wider investigation which included a number of other Gardaí, he was suspected of involvement with the Hutch organised crime gang.

At the time Garda HQ said Murphy was arrested *"on suspicion of involvement in offences... relating to allegedly enhancing the ability of a criminal organisation to commit or facilitate a serious offence"*.

Murphy is continuing in custody at Cloverhill Prison and will be in court again on October 4th for sentence.

It is not news that senior Gardaí acted in a corrupt manner, especially in relation to the drug trade.

The scandal around Maurice McCabe was an opportunity to root out the corruption and restore public confidence, but this never happened.

Even the Commissioner has been linked with murder gangs while he was part of the PSNI and operating under the British Official Secrets act.

# Build Public Housing!

**This is the only solution to the deepening crisis facing thousands of families - why is it being ignored?**

There are now over 10,000 homeless in emergency accommodation, including 3,000 children. There are over 100,000 families on local authority waiting lists for housing and tens of thousands more in sub-standard, insecure, rented accommodation.

The people that rule in our state are criminals, the so-called opposition in Leinster House are criminals too.

It is time to be honest with ourselves, our families do not matter to the real power-brokers in Ireland.

As the homeless figures reached record levels once again, almost as if arranged, the useless *'Raise the Roof'* campaign re-launched itself. The campaign has scheduled public meetings around the country to promote their nonsensical programme.

*'Raise the Roof'* is an initiative backed by the Trade Unions (ICTU) and the so-called *'left'* wing Political Parties, it is to divert people and ensure that nothing practical changes. They are joined by many of the housing charities, whose Chief Executives are on six figure salaries, and feed themselves off the misery of the homeless.

If we are to solve any problems in our society then we need to understand the politics of what is happening. If the Trade Union movement wanted to solve the housing issue in favour of the people they could do so, anytime.

The solution would be to demand a massive programme to build Public Housing, and if this wasn't agreed then to bring the country to a stand-still in strike action; it would win, and quickly.

We already have 150,000 public housing units in the state, this needs to be doubled and such accommodation

made available to all citizens, based on the income related social housing rent scheme. We could invite all the trades people who emigrated to return and join the massive building programme.

It would cost the state less money to provide public housing, than to continually make HAP payments.

Doing this would reduce the price of private housing and it would slash rents from their current record levels.

We should dispossess the vulture funds and charge them as criminals.

The Irish people would love and support such a bold initiative.

The real reason for the *'Raise the Roof'* campaign is to divert us and stop any grass-roots movement taking hold.

Their demands are weak, they will not rock the boat, they won't upset Banks and their Vulture Funds, the landlords are unthreatened by them.

These same sham *'left'* wing Parties never even challenged the Government when they ignored a Dáil vote declaring a National Emergency in Housing in October 2018 (the vote was passed with 83 for and 43 against).

We have all heard the talk of rent freezes, banning evictions, doubling investment in *'affordable'* housing etc.

By now, these are empty phrases, just words with no practical meaning, spoken by insincere people who want to pretend to be doing something.

The proposed referendum on the

right to housing is more of the bull, it is insincere and designed as a pretence for doing something, when in reality nothing has changed and nothing will change while such deceptive politics is allowed to persist.

We have said that the Government Parties are criminals; so are the opposition in Leinster House.

The problem we face as a people is that there is no real opposition to this sell-out, no movement to act for and give voice to the people's interests.

Perhaps a hint towards the solution was voiced in the High Court, as activists responded to efforts to have them removed from **'James Connolly House'** which they have occupied in protest since May 1st.

A groups calling itself the Revolutionary Workers Union *'acquired'* the empty building on Eden Quay, Dublin, to *"provide relief to the homeless"*.

They called on people throughout Ireland to take direct action to oppose the states *"wilful neglect"* of its citizens, they pointed out that the needs of homeless people and children are less protected than property and the *"greed of the few"*.

The Salvation Army, who hold a lease on the building, took a case in the High Court to regain possession. They cynically claimed they wanted to house refugees, even though the building was empty and idle for the last 2 years.

In court, Sean Doyle spoke on behalf for the Revolution Workers Union, he declared that he was not standing *"as the accused, but as the accuser"*.

He asked where were the laws to protect the people? Doyle pointed out that children were attending soup kitchens, that they were suffering the trauma of homelessness.



He explained that a family home is not just a shelter, it provides love and a humane society.

Doyle explained that successive Governments had neglected the people and that massive damage was being done, including in mental health.

He explained that the state has the power to act but that it had shown no urgency at all to do so.

As we write, activists are expected to be jailed for their actions. There is no suggestion that rogue politicians will be jailed or called to account in any way.

## Let's Work for Peace, not for War!

Both An Taoiseach Micheál Martin and Tánaiste Leo Varadkar have said that our neutrality needs to be discussed.

What they mean is that neutrality must be dropped and we need to integrate closer with an EU Army and have even closer links to NATO.

We are currently part of the Partnership for Peace, which is a NATO organisation, and we have deployed soldiers overseas under its command.

Martin says he hopes to have a Constitutional Assembly within the next two years to look at our neutrality. Varadkar says he is confident that he could secure a *'Yes vote'* for us to join a European Defence Force.



As we go to print, the news is that a massive Antonov cargo plane has just landed at Shannon Airport, it is transporting weapons on behalf of the US to the war in Ukraine.

Every week several US Air Force flights land in Shannon, directly implicating us in their wars and conflicting with our neutrality.

We need to advocate for peace, not for war - let's get ready for that battle.

## A Disfunctional State

Failure is endemic in our state, in every aspect of public life. Government is not leading us, they are not managing our state - there is abuse of power, corruption and gross incompetence tolerated everywhere.



That 1,000 people missed their flights out of Dublin Airport in a single day, coupled with massive queues trailing outside the building, tells us that Dublin Airport Authority is not fit for purpose. They left security staff go during the Covid crisis and they under pay them, why do they think people would want to work for them?

More critically, we hear that nearly 15,000 non-urgent hospital appointments were cancelled last month, according to the HSE.

The reasons for this are not clear, as some locations do not record why appointments are cancelled, whether done so by the patients, or for clinical reasons, or otherwise. Emergency Departments are over crowded, nothing seems to work as it should do.

The entire public service is short-staffed due to infection outbreaks (based on dysfunctional PCR tests) and from people working from home, a legacy of mishandling over the last two years or missmanagement.

## Campaign Launched to #STOPtheTREATY

The World Health Organisation's (WHO) Treaty on Pandemic Preparedness is coming.

Over the last two years we have objected to Government efforts to enforce medical treatments, why should we now consider handing such authority to a foreign, unelected body?

Before the treaty itself is even written, our Minister for Health and our Taoiseach have committed to signing it.

They want to allow the WHO to dictate our healthcare policy.

A rally took place outside Leinster House on May 25th where speakers said:

*We should not contemplate any changes to our pandemic preparedness policies until we establish all the facts from the Covid-19 crisis. The idea that we would sign a binding agreement without these facts is absurd.*

*... the people of Ireland have not consented to transfer such sweeping powers to a third party... Irish Sovereignty is not in the gift of this or any government, it belongs to the Irish people... Lets make one thing clear... we support collaboration with the international community on issues*



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Hero Calls for the Release of Julian Assange

Back in 1980 Adolfo Pérez Esquivel won the Nobel Peace Prize, he was known as a defender of Human Rights and supported the right to self-determination of the peoples in Central America.



He supported non-violent peaceful resistance, including liberation theology which was popular then.

On accepting the prize, he told us he did so:

“on behalf of the peoples of Latin America, and in a very particular way of my brothers, the poorest and smallest, because they are the most loved by God; On behalf of them, my indigenous brothers, the peasants, the workers, the youth, the thousands of religious and men of good will who, renouncing their privileges, share the life and journey of the poor and fight to build a new society”

Last month he called on the British Government to release Julian Assange from jail, stating his reason as the denial of Assange’s

“fundamental human, civil and political rights and the precedent his persecution is setting for press freedom”.

Assange is facing extradition to the US because of his honest journalism.

Of course, like British ‘Justice’, the Nobel Peace Prize has itself been disgraced, when it was given to such noted warmongers as Henry Kissinger and Barak Obama.

EU is against the ‘Small Man’ in Farming

An official report published in April shows a continuous reduction in the number of farmers within the EU. Long-term structural changes are taking place, showing the concentration of production in fewer and larger farms.

Between 2003 and 2016 the number of farms in the EU dropped from 15 to 10 million (a decline of 32%); the exit from farming being more frequent with smaller holdings, whereas the number of large farms increased by 7%.

By the year 2040 it is thought that the EU will loose an addition 6.4 million farms, representing a 62% reduction from the 2016 figures.

The report shows that a disproportionate share of EU funding “favours large, intensive farms”, it says that existing structural measures to support small farms does “not compensate for this effect due to poor targeting and insufficient funds”.

What we are seeing is private market forces driving towards large scale production, this has happened in industry and is now very evident in agriculture.

This EU based concentration of production does not suite relatively small economies like ours, we simply

cannot compete with the ‘economies of scale’ at international level.

This trend in agriculture has almost wiped out our growers, as they cannot compete with the low prices offered on imported produce.

Remember, lots of agri-foods that we import are produced on large scale intensive farms, often using virtual slave labour and to a quality far below our own (not to mention the carbon foot-print).

This concentration of production is a natural thing in unregulated markets, competition drives it, however development of large-scale production, or monopoly, does not always serve our best interests.

It does not make economic sense, it does not make social or ecological sense, that we allow our rich agricultural land and resources to be set aside in favour of foreign corporate interests.

However, the EU policy is driving forward, all they can offer in the face of these massive structural changes is that their ‘European Farming Model’ “must adapt to include diverse emerging farmer profiles”... they say it must adapt, not change...

As global market rules continue to apply, the ‘small man’ pays the price.



Big Brother Gets Bigger - near zero Privacy

Are you aware that data is tracked when Public Services Cards are used on a bus or train? In fact, these cards can be read remotely on a ‘walk by’ basis.

The Department of Social Protection (DSP) is currently under investigation by the Data Commissioner for “excessive data gathering”.

In 2020, the DSP was ordered to stop retaining travel data, however the National Transport Authority and other operators (some private) continue to do so, the same issue applies to users of Leap Cards. Gardaí frequently request personal details regarding Travel Pass users, including names and photos, they do this while “investigating or prosecuting criminal offences”.

Have you noticed the massive increase in the number of street cameras over the past few years?



Now we are told that automatic facial recognition is set to become standard practice, it is being promoted by our ‘partners’ in the EU.

The DSP already uses biometric facial templates and matching software when processing applications. International security companies are harvesting images from social media and elsewhere, building databases, in order to sell services to identify facial scans.

Last month Gardaí purchased 11 drones for training before this new technology is rolled out nationally.

The level of digital surveillance is huge, civil rights advocates believe it is an intrusion on individual privacy; because it is being carried out on people not charged with any offence in law.

Can we trust Gardaí with such technology? In a survey commissioned by Gardaí themselves, they say that 80% of members don’t trust Garda management with GPS location data gathered through their own radio systems.

They don’t even trust themselves!

If this surveillance is added to the tracking of bank transactions, Credit Card or Tapped payments there is little that remains private in people’s lives.

Add to that the EU’s renewal of legislation on Digital Certificates and the move towards full Digital Currency (by ECB); and consider also the World Health Organisation’s intention to include Digital ID as part of the proposed binding Treaty on Pandemics.

Big Brother really is getting bigger, except we are not sure how friendly he is.

On a more sinister level, the use of technology by state intelligence services has raised alarm bells internationally.

A committee of the EU Parliament is investigating the use of Pegasus and other spyware by member states.

The first version of Pegasus Spyware was created by the NSO Group in 2011, it is tightly linked with Mossad, Israel’s secret intelligence agency. The US National Security Agency allowed senior scientists to join the NSO Group, meaning that they are equally linked with its development and use.

The software can be remotely inserted into a Smartphone without the user knowing or doing anything to allow it, on a so-called ‘zero-click’ basis.

Pegasus can fully control a Smartphone, access all its Apps, stored data and phone calls; it can even record sound and video without the owners knowledge.

Use of the software has been implicated in the murder of several journalists and political leaders around the world. A UN special rapporteur found that its use by abusive governments could “facilitate extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings, or enforced disappearance of persons.”



In May over 20 Civil Society organisations asked that the EU Inquiry be extended to hear direct evidence from Human Rights advocates worldwide.



STOP PARENTAL ALIENATION

TUSLA & Foster Care relationships must be looked at, not just Parents

Government has launched a Open Consultation as part of its re-assessing legislation regarding what is called ‘Parental Alienation’. Generally, alienation occurs where a child’s relationship with a parent is damaged through manipulation by a third party.

There are over 50,000 cases in Irish courts every year involving family law, regarding custody, access and guardianship.

The Minister says that “there is no clear agreed definition of parental alienation in Ireland”, yet she and others generally limit the concept to involving parents only – usually in situations involving marital breakup.

The Department of Justice has carried out research on the question, this consultation is to complement the findings of that research.

Based on many reports we have received over a number of years, we think that the role of TUSLA, Social Workers and Foster Parents needs to be included in this consultation.

We have heard evidence that TUSLA itself has been the cause of parental alienation, yet it seems impossible for parents to raise this anywhere, especially in the courts.

Members of the public are invited to make submissions by 24th June, this can be done by visiting the website:

https://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Parental\_Alienation\_Consultation

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Israel is a Fascist State

On 11th May journalist Shireen Abu Aqleh was shot dead while the Israeli Army raided the Jenin refugee camp in the occupied West Bank.

Abu Akleh was working with Al Jazeera news and wearing the normal blue vest with PRESS written on it when she was shot down.

Three days later the Israeli Army attacked mourners and knocked over Abu Akleh’s coffin at her funeral.

Israel is in violation of more UN resolutions than anyone, they routinely bomb other sovereign states, terrorise and murder innocents, conducting genocidal attacks on the Palestinian people.

But the international community remains silent, a stark contrast to Ukraine.

International media believe “that Abu Akleh was likely killed by Israeli fire”, the Palestinian Authority say she was “deliberately killed by Israeli forces” - targeted and murdered.



Middle East Eye @MiddleEa... · 6h : "We provide Israel with \$3.8 billion in military aid annually with no restrictions. What will it take for accountability for these human rights violations?" Congresswoman Ilhan Omar said in response to Shireen Abu Akleh's killing



middleeasteye.net Shireen Abu Akleh: US lawmakers divided over journalist's killing

Abu Akleh’s name has now been added to a case being taken to the International Criminal Court (ICC), beside the names of four other Palestinian journalists who were victims of Israel, two of whom were maimed and two shot dead.

The problem with this case is that neither Israel nor its backer, the United States, recognise the ICC and will not answer to it.

If the murder of someone so prominent can go without sanction then what hope for the average person ‘on the street’?

Without doubt, Israel is a fascist state and acts as proxy for the US in the Middle East. (see article on Big Brother).



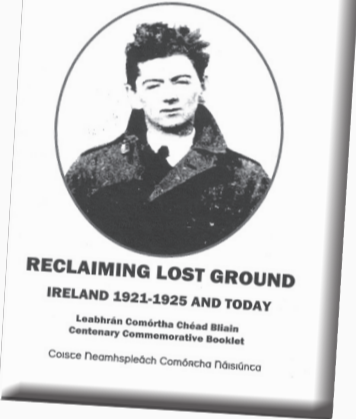
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Letter to the Editor

Non-party Political Representation?

I think the failure of the Northern Assembly is a testimony to failed politics.

Listening to the antics of parties for all sides since the election reminds us of the politics we see down south all the time. It is like a show with actors, all playing out a role, as if working to a pre-defined and agreed script.

There is constant bickering over the same old worn out issues.

One lot won’t agree to language rights for the other, and also want to renegotiate the Belfast Agreement and Brexit. The other lot accept this communal division of the people along sectarian/communal lines and refuse to see common interests anywhere.

I think we need to look at the Belfast Agreement again, especially the rules for setting up the assembly along sectarian or unionist/nationalist party lines. It seems to me that this approach has only copper fastened the divisions that exist, it has not served the people.

In reality, there is little or no difference between the nationalist and unionist politicians in the north, no more than there is between FF and FG or even the opposition parties here.

Why can’t we have non-party political representation?

William Monaghan,

Westmeath

Letters to the editor are welcome, as Béarla nó as Gaeilge. We must have the writers name but we are happy to publish anonymously. Keep to about 200 words in total (or less).