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Any indication that the level of violence will be reduced and lives saved must be welcomed. However time alone will tell whether we can all <sup>move</sup> ~~both~~ forward to an end to terrorism. There is no moral achievement in any decision to stop killing: killing is totally immoral of itself. If a ceasefire is merely some tactic to gain political advance and to <sup>frustrate</sup> ~~pressurise~~ a community which has endured so much history will ~~judge~~ make its own judgement. What Northern Ireland needs above everything else is a total, lasting and complete end to all violence from any source followed by a period of honest and courageous political dialogue on the many great social and economic issues facing it. The future agenda for both communities must not be written by violence or the fear it produces. The only agenda which can ever be accepted is the agenda of a community united in its will and vision of the benefits for all that peace can and will bring.