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## **CHARITY CALLS FOR PEACE**

The Chair of an educational peace charity has today called for Governments across the world to unite and work together for peace.

Following the horrific events in Beslan and in the run up to the anniversary of the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, Colin Parry, Chair of The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust, called for an end to violence and an engagement in dialogue.

Colin, who lost his 12-year old son Tim in an IRA bomb attack on Warrington in 1993 said: "Unfortunately, Governments such as those in the UK, USA and Russia seem to only recognise the military option in the fight against terrorism. Based on the British experience in Northern Ireland, I don't believe a conventional armed response can defeat terrorist groups. Governments are then faced with the option of abandoning the rule of law and undertaking covert and illegal operations, which in certain periods in history Governments have adopted. This then results in reprisal killings and a greater death toll.

"There has to be recognition that dialogue is legitimate. For many Governments, talking to terrorists through intermediaries goes on anyway, but is not officially acknowledged for fear of loss of face. I am more concerned about loss of life.

"Our work over the last 10 years has shown us that there is a potential for tolerance if you get people of differing viewpoints together. People need to see that they have more similarities than differences in order to accept each other and live peacefully together. It is not a quick fix solution, it takes time, but it can be done."

The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust is an educational peace charity which seeks to bring people together to overcome prejudice and teach tolerance of diversity. To support the work of the Trust visit our website at [www.childrenforpeace.org](http://www.childrenforpeace.org).