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This reaction could only be expected.

RUC UNACCEPTABLE TO NATIONALISTS

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The Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams has said that the RUC is totally unacceptable to nationalists and has called for the force to be disbanded.

Speaking today Mr. Adams said:

"I want to express my anger at the behaviour of the RUC, backed up by the British Army, in its treatment of nationalists over the past 24 hours.

"The RUC launched vicious assaults on nationalist protesters across the north. I am aware of 100 nationalist civilians injured in these attacks. 63 in Derry and 32 in Belfast. A young man injured by the RUC in Armagh is on a life support machine in the Royal Victoria Hospital.

"The vicious assaults on peaceful nationalist and catholic protesters and the ready use of plastic bullets contrasts with the scenes throughout the week of RUC men mingling amicably with Orangemen blocking roads.

"The massive RUC operation to curfew the nationalist community on the Lower Ormeau contrasts with the failure to intervene during the forced eviction of catholic families.

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"The RUC is totally unacceptable to the nationalist community. Any notion to the contrary disappeared last night.

"Recent events have demonstrated that in this state there is no equality, there is no democracy, there is no justice.

"Nationalists will not be treated as second class citizens in our own country. The RUC is unacceptable. The Six County state is unacceptable. There must be radical change. ENDS