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SECURITY MEASURES IMPLEMENTED SINCE THIEPVAL BOMB 7 OCTOBER 1996

All Regions

1. All personnel briefed in relation to their personal security both on and off duty.
2. Station security tightened and increased base plate patrolling.
3. Increased VCPs, and attention to; Security bases, workers routes, Mortar Base Plates.

Belfast Region

4. Existing security barriers in the City Centre closed 2100 - 0600 (wef 8/10/96).
5. Increased patrolling at City Airport, Palace Barracks and Moscow Camp.
6. Military escort (mobile and foot) in Grosvenor Road and Woodbourne Sub-Divisions.
7. RIR patrolling/performing VCPs: Lisburn, Bangor, Strandtown.
8. Security gates closed 2100 - 0600 at: Lisburn, Kennedy Way, Donegal Road, Broadway (wef 8/10/96).
9. Static VCP at Castlereagh and Carryduff RUC Stations.
10. Permanent police presence at Stormont buildings to protect construction workers.

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South Region

11. Soft target protection by RUC patrols and military, to counter car bomb in housing areas/close quarter attacks.
12. SDCs given discretion to review use of town centre barriers.
13. Town barriers closed at: Portadown, Lurgan and Banbridge, in evenings (wef 9/10/96).
14. Key routes to be route checked at the discretion of local SDCs re movement of workers/convoys.
15. Security reviewed at Courts, Key installations, Warrenpoint Port.
16. South Armagh patrolling limited, because of sniper threat.

North Region

17. Coleraine town barriers closed 1830 - 0630 (wef 9/10/96).

Intercept Material as Evidence

(Proposal: The law on interception evidence be changed to allow the prosecution to adduce intercept material in terrorist cases.)

The arguments for and against use of intercept have been well rehearsed in the past. Would simply note that Lord Lloyd's report revisits this topic, and we will need to consider the issues in that context. (Slight delay anticipated in planned publication date of Lloyd's report, now set for 24 October.)

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