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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

PROTEST THE ACTIONS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE PARTISAN VIOLENCE OF THE RUC!

Activists are urged to gather on Saturday, July 20 at British consulates and embassies around the world to express their displeasure at the recent actions of the British government in the north of Ireland.

New York City demonstration | Protests scheduled world-wide

What to do in your area

Activists should call for justice for all the people of Ireland, particularly the nationalist community in the occupied six counties, who have been under increased attack from the RUC and the British Army.

On Friday night the British Army murdered an unarmed demonstrator in the City of Derry running him over with a 12-ton armored vehicle.

Activists should also call for the disbanding of the RUC and the dismantling of the Orange State. The British government capitulated to orange threats of violence at the Garvaghy Road. The British government should be held accountable for their actions. Letters, faxes and e-mails should be sent to the British Ambassador, Sir John Kerr, in Washington, D.C.

Letters should also be sent to President Clinton urging him to keep Irish deportee Jimmy Smyth in the U.S. The actions of the RUC and the British Army are clear proof that Smyth and his fellow deportees would be in grave danger if they are forcibly returned to the north of Ireland.

If you are unable to mount an event on the 20th, try to get a small group of people together before or after the event day.

Please email Chris Ward (cbhaird@nextek.com) to let him know what you plan in your particular city so we can let the people of Derry and Belfast know we stand behind them.

IRISH REPUBLICAN WEB COMMITTEE

Don't let the Orange Order win this round!

We have pre-empted the usual Irish Republican Web Committee page to bring you updates and action alerts concerning the marching season in the North of Ireland.

DAY OF ACTION TO PROTEST THE BRITISH RESPONSE TO EVENTS IN THE NORTH OF IRELAND

Visit Sinn Fein for press releases and the latest updates

News from An Phoblacht/Republican News

Other news about the marches and protests

Poor media coverage

Sample letters to send

US and British Email addresses

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Sample Letters

Letter to Clinton | Letter to the British Embassy

11 July 1996

From: cbhaird@nextek.com (Chris Ward)

A chairde,

I just got off the phone with Maircad Keane in Washington and she expressed deep concern for what she is calling a greatly escalating situation in the Six Counties. This morning the chairman of the Garvaghy Road Association was called to an urgent meeting between the RUC (the British Army), the Orangemen and the clergy concerning the situation there. The chairman was kept waiting outside the meeting and when the others came out he was told the decision was made to let the march through. No one from Garvaghy Road was consulted. The march was then allowed to proceed almost immediately, and Nationalist protestors were viciously set upon by the RUC.

Several things should be kept in mind here:

1. The British government claims responsibility and sovereignty over the Six Counties. It is the decision of the British Government that set this situation in motion. Any blame lies with the British government.
2. Tonight is bonfire night.
3. There is widespread anger throughout the six counties AND the 26 counties over the British government's decision to allow the Orangemen to march.
4. There is a protest demonstration planned for the British Embassy in Dublin tonight.
5. Nationalist homes have been burned out in north Belfast.
6. An Orange march is planned for the Ormeau Road tomorrow.
7. Fianna Fail and Labour TDs are at or on their way to the Ormeau Road and Garvaghy Road right now to show their support.

We MUST:

FAX and e-mail letters to Bill Clinton (FAX: 202-456-2461 e-mail: president@whitehouse.gov) expressing our grave concern and outrage. Copies of this letter should be sent to the Garvaghy Road Association at 011-44-1762-338-334 to show support. We can use the e-mail addresses from the May 18 Day of Action for Pat Kelly. Also, write a letter to the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. and FAX them at 202-898-4255. Send a copy to the Irish Embassy at 202-232-5993 and also e-mail that Brit letter to the list of MPs and others that we used for the Kelly day.

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THIS SHOULD BE DONE IMMEDIATELY. The situation is grave and escalating rapidly.

ASK THAT THE march planned for the Ormeau Road tomorrow be rerouted. Refer to the Gerry Adams comments and demand justice for the nationalist community in the north of Ireland.

SAMPLE LETTER TO CLINTON

July 11, 1996

Hon. William J. Clinton
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Clinton,

As an Irish American deeply concerned with the faltering peace process in Ireland, I wish to express my utter outrage at today's events in Portadown where members of the RUC viciously attacked nationalist protesters.

The last four days in the north have been the most violent since 1969, with loyalist mobs attacking police with bricks and fire bombs, sending 50 to the hospital. Belfast's divisional fire commander said last night was the department's busiest since the Luftwaffe bombings of 1942.

Loyalist mobs have burned two Catholic schools, closed the airport, burned nationalist homes, and wrecked countless shops and businesses. "protesting" the police ban on a march by the Orange Order, a bigoted, anti-Catholic organization that seeks nothing more than to terrorize nationalist communities.

The leaders of this protest are also the leaders of the Unionist community and members of the Order - David Trimble, MP, Martin Smyth, MP and Ian Paisley, MP. Smyth and Paisley, you will recall, attacked Sen. George Mitchell's suitability to act as chairman of the talks - because he is a Catholic. The bigotry and fear conjured up by these men, and the acts they perpetuate, are no less sickening than the church burnings in our own southern states.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to warn British Prime Minister John Major that continuing to bow to the unreasonable demands of these rabid loyalists and their vicious mobs can only lead innocent Irish people into further danger.

As the British government claims sovereignty over the six counties of northeast Ireland, it has a duty to protect all people there. Tomorrow there is another Orange "parade" planned for the Ormeau Road. It must be rerouted. Now is the time to call for justice for all people in Ireland regardless of religious or political persuasion, if for no other reason, than to protect the children of these neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

cc: Garvaghy Road Residents' Association Portadown, Ireland

SAMPLE LETTER TO BRITISH EMBASSY

July 11, 1996

Sir John Kerr
Ambassador
British Embassy

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IPL NIO LONDON

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3100 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my outrage at the British government's handling of the situation today on the Garvaghy Road in Portadown, Ireland.

After five days and nights of riots by the so-called loyalist community - in which 50 members of the RUC were sent to hospital, two Catholic schools were burned, one cab driver was murdered, nationalists in north Belfast saw their homes burned, and dozens of businesses were burned to the ground - one would think London would support the finding of the Chief Constable and uphold the ban on these provocative "parades."

Instead, we see Prime Minister Major, through his subordinates, giving in to the threats of Messrs. Trimble, Smyth and Paisley, and once again giving short shrift to the nationalist community.

The outrage over the British government's decision to allow the Orange "parades" to proceed is felt not only in the north of Ireland and the 26 counties, but here in the U.S. where some 40 million Americans claim Irish connections.

Anyone can plainly see by the televised news accounts that the RUC violently attacked nationalist protesters on the Garvaghy Road without provocation. Unarmed and taken by surprise, protesters were driven from the streets by club-wielding police in an apparent effort to seek revenge for the shocking actions of loyalist mobs on the five nights previous.

The British government has once again shown that it will do whatever is necessary to placate the unionist population and that it has no respect for the nationalist community. It is little wonder nationalists have no faith in the peace process. Once again London has shown it cannot be trusted.

Sincerely,
[your name]

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