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REINSTATED SECURITY MEASURES

Points to Make

- We have not as yet returned to the levels of security at 31 August 1994.
- Security Force response continues to be a measured and proportionate one.
- Further measures may be necessary if campaign intensifies.
- Increased security measures are a direct response to actions of terrorists.

Recent change to Security Regime

- Army adopted a higher profile. Regular patrols in border areas and in parts of Belfast. No troops however on streets of Londonderry yet.
- Increase in number of vehicle check points established.
- Some physical security measures reinstated around vulnerable RUC stations.
- Town centre barriers closed as necessary during darkness.

Recent Finds

- 31 December - Belfast - 1000 lbs of home made explosive in van in grounds of Belfast Castle.
- 5 January - South Armagh - 5 barrels with 250 lbs of explosives hidden in wall. Had been in position for some time.

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- 17 January - Belfast - Routine patrol apprehended individual with two holdalls. These contained 2 PRIGs and 1 Mk 16 horizontal mortar.
- 17 January - Strabane - M1 rifle and ammunition found in dwelling house.
- 18 January - Belfast - Search revealed 1 SIG rifle with 270 rounds of ammunition hidden in wall in block of flats.
- 18 January - Londonderry - Follow up search revealed primed Mk 16 mortar in Crawford Square area ready for use.

Charges

- 7 January - Two persons charged with possession offences after car stopped in Londonderry 5 January.
- 10 January - One person charged with attack on RUC sangar at Royal Courts of Justice 6 January.
- 18 January - One person charged with possession offences as a result of find of weapons in Belfast on 17 January.

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