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DE-ESCALATORY MEASURES TAKEN SINCE 20 JULY 1997

BELFAST

- Military vehicle support for foot patrols (Lower Falls) withdrawn.
- Military foot patrols (Lower Falls) reduced from 4 teams (16) to 3 teams (12).
- Military adopting softer foot patrolling approach (i.e. no more sprinting, jumping into gardens, training sights etc).
- Introduction of RUC solo motorcycle patrols in some sub-Divisions.
- Increased RUC foot patrols/community contact.
- General reduction in helicopter activity.
- General reduction in number of vehicle checkpoints in West and North Belfast.
- Military escort vehicles for RUC calls reduced from 2 to 1 and no additional cover (on occasions up to 10 vehicles) now provided.
- In Woodbourne sub-Division, there is no longer dedicated military foot cover for RUC patrols (it is now more sporadic).
- Saxon Armoured Personnel Vehicles withdrawn from use.

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SOUTHERN AREA - 3 BRIGADE

- Barriers at High Street and Convent Hill, Bessbrook, reopened 0800 to 2000 hours.
- Various reductions in military equipment and appearance across the area.

NORTH REGION - 8 BRIGADE

- Reduction in number of patrols across the Brigade area.
- No military patrols in Londonderry City Centre.
- Military patrols in Strabane reduced from 5 to 2 per day.
- Minimal military patrols in Londonderry enclave.

ACROSS THE PROVINCE

- Regimental head-dress worn on patrol from 11 August.
- Wearing of body armour optional (RUC).
- Carrying of longarms reduced or optional (RUC).

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