

CONFIDENTIAL**TAB I****SECURITY SITUATION/NORMALISATION (DETAIL)*****Summary of Changes***

The net effects of the changes are:

- Fewer soldiers in the Province.
- Military support to routine RUC patrols across Northern Ireland reduced by a half.
- No routine day time Army patrolling in Belfast in support of RUC foot patrols.
- Less intrusive security furniture.
- Greater freedom of movement for traffic throughout Northern Ireland.

Changes introduced during previous ceasefire not reversed

- The opening of 104 border roads previously closed.
- Closure and demolition of Army bases at North Howard Street, Kilturk, Clady, Buncrana Road and St Angelo.
- Disbandment of Belfast Civilian Search Unit.
- Removal of vast majority of vehicle control zones.
- Removal of Army sangars at Chapel St/Church St Cookstown.
- Re-opening of Londonderry city walls to the public.
- Road furniture and ramps removed from Ballygomartin Road, RUC Donegall Pass, RUC Oldpark, Hump PVCP and all Fermanagh patrol bases.

Changes introduced during this ceasefire***July***

- Wearing of body armour no longer mandatory.
- Carrying of long arms restricted.
- Increased use of liveried vehicles.
- Military support withdrawn from south and east Belfast, Carrickfergus and Newtownabbey.

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- Military support for RUC in Belfast city centre withdrawn.
- Saxon armoured vehicles withdrawn from use.
- Security gates in Belfast opened.
- Single vehicle police patrolling resumes in North Region.
- Military escort vehicles withdrawn in North region.
- Reduction in military patrolling in both urban and rural areas, North Region.
- Additional neighbourhood police patrols.
- Security around Ardmore RUC station reduced.
- Checking at PVCs in Bessbrook relaxed.
- Fewer military personnel required to support RUC in South Region.
- Single vehicle patrols introduced in South Region.
- Town centre barriers opened in Armagh, Portadown, Lurgan, Banbridge and Newtownards.

August

- Military vehicle support for foot patrols withdrawn - Lower Falls.
- Military foot patrols reduced in number - Lower Falls.
- Reduction in military foot patrolling north and west Belfast during darkness.
- Number of foot patrols over 24 hour period in west Belfast reduced.
- Military escorts for RUC mobiles reduced to single vehicle in west Belfast.
- Barriers at High St and Convent Hill Bessbrook opened 12 hours per day.
- Helicopter activity at Bessbrook reduced.
- Military support for RUC foot patrols in Newry town centre withdrawn.
- Army exchange wearing of helmets for berets.

September

- Military patrols from New Barnsley and Springfield Road reduced.
- Police only foot patrols introduced into Woodbourne sub-division.
- No night time military foot patrols from Springfield Road.
- Army announce intention to close Kilkeel base.
- Military support for RUC in Londonderry city centre withdrawn.

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- Bishop's Gate Londonderry re-opened to one way traffic.

November

- 250 Soldiers of Parachute Regiment re-located to mainland.
- No routine military support provided to daylight police foot patrols in West Belfast.
- Permanent barriers at Strand Road RUC station removed.

December

- Army announce intention to close Rockwood base.
- RUC begin work to remove permanent vehicle checkpoint near the border crossing outside Newry.
- No routine military support provided to daylight foot patrols in North Belfast.
- Minor road in Clogher re-opened to traffic.