

CONFIDENTIAL**TAB C****BLOODY SUNDAY**

- * The Government recognises that the events of 30 January 1972 in Londonderry still arouse great pain and sorrow. The Government has indicated a clear desire to address this issue. We deeply regret the loss of life.
- * Officials are examining the evidence presented to the previous Secretary of State by some of the relatives of those killed and that presented by the Irish Government. If there is new evidence the appropriate action will be taken.
- * No options have been ruled out but the material must be examined thoroughly first.
- * Mo Mowlam met the relatives of some of those killed at a lunch on 3 July , she told the families that she would examine the material make a statement as soon as possible, but that might take several months.
- * **[If pressed]** We do plan to inform the Irish Government and the relatives of our decision before we make an announcement.

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