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Statement by Tánaiste and
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Mr. Brian Lenihan, T.D.

The attack on the RUC station at Loughgall last night is a further example of the futile acts of violence of the Provisional IRA. The attack has led to serious loss of life and injury.

The Irish Government rejects utterly the warped policies of the Provisional IRA. It is the leadership of the IRA who trap young people into the cycle of violence that has brought so much suffering to nationalists and unionists alike. It is that leadership who are responsible for putting those young lives at risk.

The vast majority of Irish men and women abhor violence and want it to stop now. All right-minded people on this island want to see peace and reconciliation achieved through agreement and by democratic means. The Irish Government is determined to ensure that through the political process progress is made towards that end.

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