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Statement by the Taoiseach, John Bruton

I condemn in the strongest terms the coldly calculated murder by the Provisional IRA of two RUC officers in Lurgan this morning.

Our first thoughts are for the victims and their families who have suffered so grievously in this deliberately provocative and cowardly attack.

No effort must be spared to ensure that the murderers are brought to justice.

This atrocity must renew our common resolve that those who murdered these officers will meet the unyielding opposition of the overwhelming majority in these islands who are united in their rejection of the threat or use of violence for political ends. We must redouble our efforts to ensure that those who resort to these inhuman and undemocratic methods can never succeed.

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