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Statement issued on behalf of Mr. J. Lynch,
Taoiseach, on Saturday, 4th July, 1970.

The Taoiseach expresses his deep concern at the continuation of the unhappy events in the North; on behalf of the Government and the people he extends his deepest sympathy to all those who have been bereaved, injured or who have suffered loss.

We hope that the elimination of arms from the present situation will be an impartial activity in all areas and will be done in such a way as to ensure that circumstances such as occurred last August, in which a defenceless sector of the population was left open to attack, will not occur again.

The Government is being kept fully informed of events in the North and is in continuous touch with the situation.

The Government believes that in the interests of peace in the North, provocative parades should not take place this year and that those who are responsible for the organisation of such provocative parades should be prevented from doing so.