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Text of Address to the Nation given on RTE by the Taoiseach,
John Lynch T.D., after a car bomb explosion in Dublin had
resulted in two deaths and many injured (as reported in the
Irish Times of 2nd December 1972)

The nation will have learned with horror and with dismay of the dreadful happenings in the centre of Dublin this evening. To condemn and deplore these atrocities, as all right-minded people will, is not enough. The evil minded men who perpetrated them must be brought to justice.

I ask all our people to cooperate in every way with the authorities in having this done. To that purpose, I have asked the Chief Commissioner of the Garda Síochána and the Chief of Staff of the Army to meet me here in Leinster House later tonight.

All the available resources of the State will be utilised to protect our citizens and to meet this treat to democracy, which I described only last Wednesday as direct, deliberate and unmistakable.

Very shortly the Dáil will be reconvening to pass the remaining stages of the Amendment to the Offences Against the State Act, and I hope that this will be done, and to that end I have suggested that the Senate might be convened as early as possible tomorrow to enact the Bill so that it will be available as another means to bring evil men to justice.

I have asked the citizens to cooperate. They can do so by giving information, wherever they can get it to the Garda and the Army. I would like to ask in particular the people who own cars, not to leave them in places in the centre of built-up areas, in shopping areas in the centre of Dublin and indeed in any of the larger cities. They can cooperate in many other ways. To do so is in their own interest, in the interest of maintaining our institutions, in the interest of maintaining our democracy.

On behalf of my colleagues in the Government, and indeed, I'm sure, on behalf of all of you who are listening to me. I extend to the families of those who were killed, to those who were injured and their families, our deepest sympathy. We must ensure that this evil will be eradicated from amongst us.