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The following statement has been issued by the Government Information Bureau on behalf of the Taoiseach.

I unreservedly condemn, on behalf of the Government and people of Ireland, this cowardly and senseless act. Nobody would for a moment accept that the perpetrators of this appalling crime represent or serve any just or worthy cause.

The consistent policy of my Government with which the overwhelming majority of the Irish people concur, has been to condemn the use of violence from whatever quarter in attempting to impose solutions to the Irish question.

To the families and relatives of all those who have suffered death or injury through this tragic and inhuman act I express the sincere sympathy of the Irish people and Government.

22 February, 1972.