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THE BRITISH SIDE HAVE GIVEN US, ON REQUEST, THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES SEIZURES OVER THE WEEKEND BY THE RUC AND ON THE BOMBING OF THE LAW COURTS IN BELFAST.

'FRIDAY 8 JANUARY:

1430 HOURS THE RUC STOPPED THREE CARS AT MAHON ROAD, PORTADOWN. TWO OF THE CARS WERE FOUND TO CONTAIN:

61 X CZECHOSLOVAKIAN P53 AUTOMATIC RIFLES
30 X BROWNING PISTOLS
150 X E BLOC ANTI-PERSONNEL HAND GRENADES
11,520 X 7.62 MM ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION
124 X RIFLE MAGAZINES

THREE MEN WERE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS FIND.

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THE SECURITY FORCES FOUND A QUANTITY OF HME AND BOMB-MAKING EQUIPMENT DURING SEARCHES OF PROPERTY AT BALLYNURE STREET AND ESKDALE GARDENS IN THE OLDPARK/ARDOYNE AREAS RESPECTIVELY OF NORTH BELFAST. FOUR MEN WERE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIND.

SATURDAY 9 JANUARY

1155 HOURS A PLANNED JOINT SECURITY FORCES SEARCH OF 2 BROOKFIELD PLACE IN THE ARDOYNE AREA OF NORTH BELFAST UNCOVERED 2 X IAAGS, 8 X TPUS AND 11 DETONATORS. THE HOUSEHOLDER WAS

ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS FIND

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1906 HOURS AN IED PLACED IN A STOLEN CAR WHICH WAS ABANDONED OUTSIDE THE MAGISTRATES COURT, CHICHESTER STREET, BELFAST CITY CENTRE EXPLODED CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING AND WIDESPREAD BLAST DAMAGE TO OTHER PROPERTY IN THE AREA. THE DEVICE WAS ESTIMATED TO COMPRISE 200 LBS HME. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. A 25 MINUTE WARNING, PURPORTING TO COME FROM PIRA, WAS GIVEN. THE BOMB DETONATED BEFORE AN ATO COULD DEAL WITH IT. THE BOMBING FOLLOWED A HOUSE TAKE OVER AT 147 HILLMAN STREET IN THE NEW LODGE AREA OF NORTH BELFAST. THE HOUSEHOLDERS VEHICLE (FORD SIERRA) WAS TAKEN AND USED TO DELIVER THE DEVICE TO THE POINT WHERE IT WAS LEFT.'

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