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*Mr. Mawhinney*

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### LISNASKEA SCHOOL BOMBING

Northern Ireland Education Minister, Dr Brian Mawhinney MP, said this morning:-

"It is nothing short of a miracle that this callous outrage did not kill 13 children and their school bus driver.

"Every decent person in the Province must share my profound sense of relief that the injuries caused by this bomb were relatively light - are there no limits to the barbarism, no depths to which the terrorists will not sink? There can be no excuse, no attempt to justify, no cynical apology from the men of violence - it is quite clear that they were prepared to sacrifice 13 young lives - Catholics and Protestants today.

"The whole of Northern Ireland must know precisely what the IRA understands by the phrase "Suffer Little Children"."