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On Wednesday 22 June 1988 I attended a security seminar at 10 am organised by RUC Security Branch at the RUC Athletic Association, Newforge Lane, Belfast.

Superintendent A Curral, who opened the seminar, gave a threat assessment. He informed us that the main threat was still the Provisional IRA, but there was no intelligence to pinpoint specific targets. It was known however this organisation was always looking for cash, but especially now as funds were low and raids for cash could be expected.

Mr W Holmes, Consulting Engineer, gave a comprehensive talk on health and safety covering legislation, employers' liability, insurance claims, control of contractors and recent Court cases.

Dr G Murray from the Northern Ireland Forensic Science Laboratory gave a talk on current weapons and types of bombs being used by the Provisional IRA including the drogue bomb. This included incendiary devices housed in tape cassette cases. He demonstrated outside how an incendiary device worked and also the speed with which different types of fuse wire burned.

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