Statement by Taoiseach Jack Lynch condemning the recent killings of two Royal Ulster Constabulary Officers in Belfast and a British soldier in Derry.

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The killing of a soldier in Derry last night following the death of two police officers in Belfast two nights previously shows the utter disregard for human life that conditions in the North have precipitated. Those who are responsible for these things prolong the agony in Northern Ireland. They harm the future of everyone.

I share the grief of the families and friends of the victims of these new tragedies.

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