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Liam Cosgrave,  
An Taoiseach,  
Government Buildings,  
Dublin.

It is with the deepest distress that my colleagues in the Northern Ireland Executive and I have heard of the atrocious outrages in Dublin. We in Northern Ireland, <sup>who</sup> have had to endure so much suffering and death in recent years, can appreciate fully the tragedy of those who have been struck down and the grief of those bereaved or injured in your own capital. For far too long those of us in Ireland who believe in the democratic process have to suffer the onslaughts of vicious and violent men. Whatever the differences of opinion which may exist on other matters I believe that responsible people in Northern Ireland and the Republic alike want to see this island rid forever of the evil forces which are guilty of such acts.

Brian Faulkner,  
Chief Minister, Stormont.