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CROSS BORDER TERRORISM

Ser	Date	Details	Location	Casualties	Connection with the Republic	
					Confirmed (1)	Probable (2)
(a)	(b)	(c)		(d)	(e)	(f)
1	17 Jan 76	5,000 lbs of explosives were found inside a bulk liquid carrier at Newry. The explosives had been loaded in the Republic.			X	
2	18 Jan 76	A 500 lbs proxy car bomb was neutralised at Rosslea. The car had been hijacked and the bomb was loaded in the Republic.			X	
3	22 Jan 76	A 10 lbs command detonated device with wires crossing into the Republic was neutralised SW of Forkill.			X	
4	24 Jan 76	Sixty to 70 shots were fired at the Middletown VCP from a position in the Republic.			X	
5	31 Jan 76	Six shots were fired at a foot patrol by a gunman in a fire position on the border near border crossing H13.			X	X
6	17 Feb 76	Eight to 10 shots were fired from the Republic at an Army foot patrol SW of Strabane.			X	
7	17 Feb 76	Approx 30 shots were fired at an UDR patrol by gunmen in the Republic, near K15 crossing.		1 Civ (X) 1 UDR (X)	X	
8	21 Feb 76	A woman civilian was shot dead by gunmen operating an illegal VCP near the H5 crossing S of Newry.		1 Civ (X)	X	X
9	26 Feb 76	An off duty UDR soldier was stabbed to death on his farm near Newtownhamilton.		1 UDR (X)	X	X
10	29 Feb 76	Automatic shots were fired at an RUC patrol near crossing L49 from Church Hill in the Republic.			X	
11	19 Mar 76	A Texaco tanker was hijacked in the Republic by 4 armed men and later found north of H27 crossing near Crossmaglen.			X	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
12	22 Mar 76	A joint UDR/Army VCP was fired upon near Crossmaglen. Three gunmen are believed to have escaped in a hijacked GPO van into the Republic.			X
13	24 Mar 76	Six shots were fired at an OP near crossing L49B by 1000 gunmen on the border 300 metres to the NE.			X
14	26 Mar 76	A 116 lbs device was neutralised at a telephone exchange near Belleek, Co Fermanagh. The bombers are believed to have escaped into the Republic in a hijacked car found later at the L67 crossing.			X
15	31 Mar 76	Three soldiers were killed and another wounded when a 400 lbs landmine exploded beneath their vehicle near Belleek, S Armagh.	3 Army (K) 1 Army (W)		X
16	4 Apr 76	A mortar round exploded inside the perimeter of Lisanelly Camp, Omagh. The terrorists are believed to have operated from the Republic.			X
17	5 Apr 76	An off duty UDR soldier was shot dead outside his home near Newtownhamilton.	1 UDR (K)		X
18	6 Apr 76	A 150 lbs landmine exploded behind an Army mobile patrol near the M5 crossing SE of Clogher. A shot was fired at the patrol as it debussed, and the gunman was later confirmed by the Garda to have been in the Republic.		X	
19	6 Apr 76	A 300 lbs proxy car bomb exploded inside the yard of RUC Belleek. The driver had been hijacked and taken into the Republic where the bomb was loaded.		X	
20	8 Apr 76	An off duty Prison Officer was shot dead at his home E of Omagh.	1 Civ (K)		X
21	9 Apr 76	Two shots were fired at RUC Belleek from the Republic.			X
22	11 Apr 76	Eighty shots were fired at an Army patrol N of Jonesborough by 3 gunmen who then escaped into the Republic. Shots were returned and a hit was claimed.	1 Terr (W)	X	
23	11 Apr 76	Eight mortar rounds were fired unsuccessfully at Mullenan House SF base near Londonderry from a base plate in the Republic.		X	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
24	15 Apr 76	A small arms and RPG 7 attack was made on the Crossmaglen SF base. The terrorists are believed to have operated from the Republic.			X
25	18 Apr 76	Sixty to 70 shots were fired at an UDR patrol near the L49 crossing, SE of Kinawley from 2 positions inside the Republic.		X	
26	22 Apr 76	A RUC Constable was shot dead and 2 others were injured when their car was ambushed near Coalisland.	1 RUC (K) 2 RUC (W)		X
27	25 Apr 76	An RUC patrol was fired at from 4 positions near the M2B crossing. The gunmen are believed to have escaped over the M3 crossing into the Republic.			X
28	25 Apr 76	Eighty shots were fired at an Army patrol near Crossmaglen. The gunmen were seen to escape into the Republic via H27 crossing in a car and on a motorcycle.		X	
29	28 Apr 76	A gang of terrorists attacked a recently vacated OP position near H5 crossing, S of Newry. They are believed to have escaped into the Republic.			X
30	29 Apr 76	An off duty UDR soldier and his father-in-law were shot dead on their farm near Dungannon.	1 UDR (K) 1 Civ (K)		X
31	30 Apr 76	Shots were fired at an Army patrol, NW of Crossmaglen from a position in the Republic.		X	
32	1 May 76	Thirty shots were fired at the RUC Station, Keady. The gunmen escaped in a hijacked car later found blocking the K5 crossing. Witnesses said the occupants crossed into the Republic.		X	
33	5 May 76	Sixty shots were fired by 5 gunmen at the Auchnacloy VCP from positions in the Republic.		X	
34	9 May 76	Twenty shots were fired at an Army helicopter W of Castleberg from a fire position believed to be in the Republic near crossing M22.			X
35	15 May 76	During the follow up to an earlier shooting attack on UDR soldiers at Belcoo, a landmine exploded killing 3 RUC policemen and seriously wounding a fourth. The terrorists used a derelict railway bridge to escape back into the Republic.	3 RUC (K) 1 RUC (W)	X	

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36	15 May 76	A RUC Sergeant was shot dead and 3 others were wounded when their Landrover was ambushed near Warrenpoint. The terrorists are believed to have escaped into the Republic using a boat.	1 RUC (K) 3 RUC (W)		X
37	15 May 76	770 lbs of explosives and bomb making equipment were found in a barn which straddled the border near Flurrybridge, S Armagh. Garda invited the SF to cross the border into the Republic to complete the search.		X	
38	20 May 76	Shots were fired at the Auchnacloy VCP from 2 positions in the Republic.		X	
39	24 May 76	Sentries at the Bunrana VCP opened fire at 2 men, one of whom was carrying a shoulder held weapon. The men escaped across the border into the Republic.			X

- Notes:
1. Incidents reported to NIO, copy to BE Dublin in weekly reports if confirmed details known at the time.
  2. Not reported as origin of incidents not confirmed.



FATAL CASUALTIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

1969 - 26 May 1976

	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	TOTAL
<u>Total Number of Civilians Killed</u>	12	23	114	323	170	167	211	108	1,128
<u>*of which Sectarian Assassinations</u>									
<u>Roman Catholic victims</u>	-	-	-	90	51	78	92	40	351
<u>Protestant victims</u>	-	-	-	39	32	40	57	42	212
<u>Total Number of assassination victims</u>	-	-	-	129	83	118	149	82	563
<u>Security Forces casualties</u>									
<u>Army</u>	-	-	43	103	58	29	14	5	252
<u>UDR</u>	-	-	5	24	9	5	7	8	59
<u>RUC</u>	1	2	11	17	13	16	11	13	84
<u>Total Number of Security Forces casualties</u>	1	2	59	144	80	50	32	26	394
<b>TOTAL CASUALTIES</b>	13	25	173	467	250	217	243	134	1,522

\* No records for 1969-1971.

Attached is a copy of the latest quarterly Northern Ireland security statistics placed by the Northern Ireland Secretary of State in House of Commons library at Westminster.

The figures shown for "civil deaths" in the combined "sectarian assassination and interfactional" category are consistently somewhat lower than those compiled in the Department. This discrepancy is understood to be due to a narrower interpretation of "sectarian assassination".



STATISTICS ON SECURITY - PART I

	YEARLY FIGURES.						QUARTERLY FIGURE
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	January-March 1976
SHOOTING INCIDENTS	213	1,756	10,628	5,018	3,206	1,803	442
EXPLOSIONS	153	1,022	1,382	978	685	399	207
BOMBS NEUTRALISED	47	508	515	542	428	236	129
WEIGHT OF EXPLOSIVES (IN LBS) <sup>(1)</sup> In Explosions	746	10,972	47,462	47,492	46,435	13,753	6,171
Neutralised	59	3,001	20,485	32,450	27,024	11,159	5,121
MALICIOUS FIRES <sup>(2)</sup>				587	636	248	141
ARMED ROBBERIES <sup>(2)</sup> AMOUNT STOLEN		437 £303,787	1,931 £790,687	1,215 £612,015	1,254 £572,152	1,201 £572,105	251 £169,653
DEATHS: CIVILIANS <sup>(2)</sup> (Sectarian and Interfactional assassinations <sup>(1)</sup> shown in brackets)	23	115 <sup>(3)</sup>	322 (122)	171 (87)	166 (95)	216 <sup>(3)</sup> (144)	79 (45)
DEATHS: ARMY/UDR	0	48	129	66	35	20	7
DEATHS: RUC/RUC'S R'	2	11	17	13	15	11	6

(1) Estimated weights only

(2) Consolidated figures are not available for earlier years

(3) Figure revised since previous quarterly report

STATISTICS ON SECURITY - PART I (CONT'D)

	YEARLY FIGURES						QUARTERLY FIGURES
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	January-March 1976
INJURIES: CIVILIANS <sup>(1)</sup>		1,800	3,813	1,812	1,680	2,044	524
INJURIES: ARMY/UDR	620	390	578	548	483	167	56
INJURIES: RUC/RUC'R*	191	317	466	291	235	263	49

(1) These figures are not available in consolidated form for earlier years

STATISTICS ON SECURITY, PART II

	YEARLY FIGURES						QUARTERLY FIGURES
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	JANUARY TO MARCH 1976
HOUSES SEARCHED (2)	3,107	17,262	36,617	74,556	71,914	30,092	6,940
FINDS: FIREARMS	324	717	1,264	1,595	1,260	825	187
FINDS: AMMUNITION (ROUNDS)	43,095	157,944	183,410	187,399	147,202	73,603	18,862
FINDS: EXPLOSIVES (LBS)	798	2,748	41,488	38,418	26,120	11,565	11,154
ICOs MADE			75	512	312	11	0

PERSONS CHARGED WITH SERIOUS SECURITY-TYPE OFFENCES (1)

	<u>31 July-31 December</u> <u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>January-March</u> <u>1976</u>
Murder	13	71	75	138	40
Attempted Murder	16	95	75	88	13
Firearms Offences	242	631	544	460	70
Explosives Offences	86	236	161	100	63
Theft Act	111	186	232	314	45
Other	53	205	275	97	63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>531</u>	<u>1,414</u>	<u>1,362</u>	<u>1,197</u>	<u>294</u>

(1) These figures are not available in consolidated form for earlier years  
 (-) Includes occupied and unoccupied houses searched.