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Statement issued by the Taoiseach on behalf of the Government

I condemn unreservedly the murder of six men in Northern Ireland during the past twenty-four hours.

On behalf of the Government I extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the murdered men.

The killers of these men do not represent the wishes of the people of Ireland North or South who reject them and oppose them.

It should be clearly understood that those engaged in violence are motivated only by a desire to force men and women in these islands to react emotionally and to act against the interests of the Irish and British people.

13th July, 1983.