



PRESS RELEASE

The Minister of Home Affairs, Captain Long, this afternoon met the Rev. Dr. Ian Paisley, Major Bunting and Councillor Shanks.

A general discussion took place about the march of the People's Democracy from Belfast to Londonderry and the difficulties and dangers which had arisen and were likely to arise if the marchers were to proceed further.

The deputation urged on the Minister the desirability of imposing a ban prohibiting the remaining stages of the march, particularly having regard to the current composition of the marchers.

The Minister appreciated the views expressed to him and undertook to bear them in mind during his continuous review of the situation as the march progresses.

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