

ANALYSIS OF PROPAGANDA THEMES IN PRESS STATEMENT

<u>Paragraph No in statement (Annex B)</u>	<u>Current Republican Propaganda Theme Expressed</u>	<u>Purpose of Theme</u>
2	Army "assassination squads" are shooting innocent Catholics.	To deprive Army of plain-clothes surveillance patrols.
2	The Army are harassing, beating, intimidating and degrading Catholics.	Misrepresentation of necessary and selective search and arrest operations.
3	The Army concentrate their forces in Catholic areas when the real threat is from Protestant violence.	To bring pressure for redeployment away from Republican areas, so that IRA can recruit, train, reorganise and intensify violence (argument ignores the fact that only the IRA are violently attempting to overthrow authority).
4	There is no redress for injustice.	To justify IRA violence as the only remedy.
6	Violence carried out by the Army is immoral.	To justify the murder of soldiers.