



DERRY HUNGER STRIKE BULLETIN

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LIFE HAS TO BE SAVED...

HUNGER STRIKER TO HOSPITAL

After only 23 days on hunger strike, Bobby Sands has already been moved to Long Kesh hospital -- days earlier than the last hunger strikers. His blood pressure has dropped dramatically and he has lost over 20 pounds. He is deteriorating more rapidly than the previous hunger strikers. After 53 days, Sean McKenna was unconscious, with only hours to live. How long now until Bobby Sands is in the same condition?

Since the present hunger strike began, there has been some confusion as to the methods and nature of the campaign mounted by the Derry H-Block/Armagh Committee. In accordance with national policy we set out to build protests, increasing in frequency, aiming to peak at a later date. Some have criticised this as waiting until Bobby Sands was near death before doing anything. This is not the case. Over the last few weeks numerous organisational tasks have been undertaken to prepare for action. The time is now approaching when this action will become a reality.

From last week we have stepped up our disruptive tactics to 3 per week. Future activity will intensify as is seen necessary.

All those who are involved in and support the hunger strike Campaign are NOW asked to prepare for more intense and frequent activity. Close communication with your Area and Youth group will be essential in the near future.

PREPARE FOR ACTION!