LEGAL RIGHTS FOR THOSE DETAINED

The following advice I believe to be the legal rights of detained people and the most prudent and sensible course to follow when they are in the grip of the R.U.C. under Section 10 (three days) or Section 12 (seven days).

1. When brought in, ask for your solicitor and a daily interview with your family doctor or a doctor nominated by him.
2. Do not sign your name to any bit of paper while in an R.U.C. station (three days or seven days) unless you are advised to by the solicitor of your choice.
3. Always have a medical examination before leaving the interrogation centre and/or at the special court (watch out for bigoted J.P.s), by a doctor of your choice or your family's. This should be arranged by your solicitor.
4. Ignore all documents presented to you as confessions of your friends implicating you. These are usually forgeries. You cannot be convicted on another mans statement.
5. Do not accept bribes or promises.
6. Do not hold any conversation with them as they will make it into a "verbal statement," and produce it in court.
7. Families of prisoners should assume the worst and take immediate steps to get a solicitor and doctor.
8. If you are beaten up by the R.U.C. make an official complaint (for statistical and legal purposes). Make a civil claim for damages and publish your story.

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