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The Committee for the Liberation of the Irish People, Paris, have issued a statement of solidarity with Irish Republican hunger-strikers. It has been signed by a large number of students in the University of Paris. The statement reads:

"For some time, with the help of the government in the South and with the legal parties of Northern Ireland, the British have undertaken to isolate and smash the main force of the Irish Resistance, the Provisional I.R.A.

"Most of the political prisoners detained at the present time in Northern Ireland and in the South are members of alleged members of the Provisional I.R.A.

"For the recognition of their political status, Joe Cahill, Seán and Ruairí Ó Brádaigh, in the south, have stated a hunger strike.

"In the North, at least ten prisoners in Crumlin Road and Armagh Jails are now in their fourth week; some of them are on a hunger and thirst strike.

"It is known that in the past, Republican Prisoners have carried out hunger strikes until they died when they did not obtain what they demanded.

"Today, many prisoners in the North, are in a very dangerous condition. We are asking you to sign this statement of solidarity which we will send to them as soon as possible."

Another statement is also being signed by visitors to the exhibition of Irish Republican literature at present being held in the Librairie la Joie de Lire in the Latin Quarter of Paris. That statement will be sent directly to Crumlin Road Jail in Belfast.

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