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## CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATION

THE DECEMBER 1987 issue of SAOIRSE—Irish Freedom first broke the story of search and surveillance equipment loaned by the British Army to the Special Branch in the 26 Counties.

The reality of the Hillsborough Deal as a basic British security pact now stands exposed. Talks of 'improving the standard of justice' etc. is just political camouflage.

### BRITISH DEATH SQUADS IN IRELAND

TO WHAT justice can a British soldier who murders an Irishman or woman in Ireland be made amenable? Close on 200 innocent and uninvolved Irish people have been killed by the British Army and RUC since 1969 yet not one member of the Occupation Forces has served a day in jail for crimes committed against the civilian population.

The one exception to this was Private Thaine who served two years and two months for the murder of Thomas Reilly (August 9, 1983) and was reinstated in the British Army on release. There were 14 prosecutions of British forces personnel on similar charges since 1969: eight regular British soldiers, two UDR soldiers and four RUC. All were acquitted except for Private Thaine.

The death of Thomas Reilly has been described by a British officer as "an error of judgement". In view of the murder of Aidan Mac Anespie by another British soldier on February 21st, it is timely to ask how many "errors of judgement" the Dublin government will accept?

Inquiries North and South cover up a war situation with media manipulation and the corrupt apparatus of a sham system controlled by the British occupying power. For the Dublin government in its operation of the Hillsborough Deal, complicity with and responsibility for British rule in the Six Counties is making it a mere adjunct of British policy.

In the final analysis there is no functioning justice to which British soldiers who murder Irish people can be brought. Their lives count for as little as do those of the Palestinians at the hands of the Israelis. As things stand the only recourse available to Irish people in the Six Counties is the exercise of the right of self defence.

Much of this has now been secured. How long will it be — if the present hysteria is maintained — until there is a free-fire zone on both sides of the border with the media excluded from the area, just as in South Africa, or to come nearer home, on the lines of what existed in Co. Kerry in 1922-23.

The Irish people are entitled to answers to these questions. It is significant that despite SAOIRSE's revelations of some of this, the daily press and media generally did not carry it until three days after Leinster House had adjourned again for five weeks.