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We have been asked to release the following statement:

On the orders of the Leadership of the Provisional IRA, a co-ordinated bombing operation was carried out by Active Service Units throughout the Six Occupied Counties over the past few days. These operations do not break the truce nor do they herald the opening of a new campaign, as suggested by some Loyalist politicians. On the contrary, we find it necessary to remind the British Government and Mr. Rees that these actions were ordered in retaliation for the continuing killings, harassment and intimidation by the British Army of the Nationalist population; the unabated torture, searches and screening by the R.U.C. of innocent people, particularly in the Antrim, Belfast, Dungannon and South Armagh areas. These acts of violence and terror tactics will not be tolerated and must end forthwith. We reserve the right to take similar action in the future if and when it is deemed necessary.

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