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Statement issued by Seamus Tormey of the Provisional IRA after the end of the IRA ceasefire (as reported in the Irish Times of July 10th 1972)

"The truce is broken. The truce which we fought hard to maintain was today breached on a number of occasions.

During the past 48 hours, we have been negotiating with the office of the Secretary of State in an endeavour to reach a peaceful solution to the homeless problem that has arisen in the area as a result of U.D.A. intimidation.

Despite hours of talk, and the fact that we withdrew on two occasions, British representatives bowed the knee to pressure from the sinister U.D.A. and refused to permit families who have been legally allocated houses in Horn Drive, entry to their own homes.

When a lorry with furniture for one of the families tried to gain access to the south side of Lenadoon Avenue, it was rammed by a Saracen armoured car and almost overturned, much to the delight of the U.D.A.

The British forces then opened up on the crowds of civilians with rubber bullets, CS gas and a water cannon, injuring many people including some schoolchildren. It is again most unfortunate that our people here become targets for British Army oppression. In the circumstances, we have no other option but to resume offensive operations against the British forces of occupation."