



PRESS RELEASE

The following statement was issued from Stormont Castle today:

The Cabinet had a full report of the Londonderry situation from the Minister of Home Affairs at a meeting this morning.

Ministers are satisfied that the action of the police was timely and prevented an extremely dangerous situation from developing.

The Government has decided to put down a motion, as soon as the House meets next week, deploring the conduct of the sponsors of the march and inviting the House to support the Government and the police in the necessary action which was taken.

The Government is concerned at the likely outcome of mob violence in obscuring the real advances made in industrial development, housing and social security in all parts of Northern Ireland.

The Government hope that all sections of the community will use their influence to see that no one places at risk the peace, harmony and progress of the country.

8th October, 1968.