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The following statement was today issued by the Government Information Bureau on behalf of the Taoiseach:

On behalf of the Government and the people of Ireland, I offer sincere sympathy to Mrs. Fallon and her family.

Gárda Fallon, in the course of his duty to the people of Ireland and to maintenance of democracy and the rule of law, was cut off in the prime of his life by the bullet of an assassin who, in the pursuit of lawless anarchy or some other misguided purpose, has left a young woman without her husband and a young family without a father.

Gárda Fallon was a credit to that great Force who have, despite extreme provovation on occasions, steadfastly served the people of this country for half a century. Their devotion to duty is exemplified in the death of their comrade and I assure them of the full support of the Government in bringing the perpetrators of this foul deed to justice.