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Statement by Minister for Foreign Affairs

The concern of the Minister for Foreign Affairs at the killing of a local youth in West Belfast by members of the R.U.C. was conveyed this morning to the British Government.

The force used, in an attempt to stop the suspects, which resulted in the death of a young man, appears totally disproportionate when compared with the nature of any offence which might have been committed.

The Minister said that there must be effective ways of stopping joyriders without resorting to killing them.

8th February, 1985.