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Government Statement on the proposed merger between
the UDR and Royal Irish Rangers

The Government have noted with interest the proposed change in the structures of the British security forces in Northern Ireland whereby the UDR will be merged in a new Regiment, fully integrated into the regular British Army.

The Government have consistently stressed the importance of ensuring that all elements of the security forces in Northern Ireland should be seen to be free of all suspicion of partisan influence and should be strictly impartial and even-handed in the discharge of their duties. The Government see this new development as offering an opportunity for significant improvement, which they hope will be fully utilised, particularly in areas such as care and sensitivity in deployment and improved relations with the community.

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