

Harassment has not stopped, in fact it has got worse since the Emergency Provisions Act was passed by the British Parliament. Every citizen should know their rights, and how best to protect themselves.

THE CENSUS

This is illegal, and army headquarters at Lisburn has denied giving any orders for it to be taken. When the army raid, any person in the house at that time must give his name and address. You do not have to say who else lives in the house or give any other information. The Army may retaliate by making more visits to your house. In that case phone NICRA, 23351 or contact a local civil rights person, and we will contact Army Headquarters, and have this harassment stopped.

BEING STOPPED BY THE ARMY IN A PUBLIC PLACE

The Army have the right to ask your name and address. Give it and carry some identification with you.

SEARCHES

The Army has the right to search any person, place or vehicle, as a member of Her Majesty's Forces. Always insist on accompanying them during a search. Make sure all damages done is listed in the damages claim form. The office to claim at is now Londonderry House, and not Bedford House. You should be given two copies of the form, one to send to Londonderry House, with an estimate of what it will cost to repair the damage. Keep the other copy carefully.

**Army & RUC
harassment**

The ANSWERS!



MALE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES MAY NOT SEARCH WOMEN.

ARREST

The Army can arrest anyone by saying "I am arresting you as a member of Her Majesty's Forces" They may hold you for four hours for screening. Then you must be released or handed into RUC custody. Relatives should phone the Army Post for information

Relatives should insist on being present at the interrogation of their children, and to accompany them to the Army Post if they are available.

IN A LETTER IN THE IRISH NEWS FATHER PAUL GIVES THE FOLLOWING ADVICE TO PEOPLE ARRESTED FOR 72 HOURS UNDER THE EMERGENCY PROVISIONS ACT.

1. When brought in say, "I want my solicitor," and name him "Patrick O'Neill, of O'Neill St". If he is not available, say "I want Sean Quinn of Quin St" and so on.
Everyone should carry in his head, or a piece of paper the names of two solicitors who are willing and not afraid of the RUC.
2. When they ask you any question say, "I want that question in writing, and when my legal representative is present, I shall answer your question in writing, when my solicitor has checked it."
3. Do not sign your name to any piece of paper for the full 72 hours unless you are advised to do so by the solicitor of your choice.
4. Always get yourself medically examined by your own doctor during your detention and always after the 72 hours is up. As a general rule, do not trust Army or Police doctors.
5. Ignore all documents presented to you as confessions of your friends implicating you. These are usually forgeries. Ignore treats and suffer patiently when they beat you up. Do not accept bribes or promises. Do not trust them.
6. Be patient for 72 hours: sit and think good thoughts: they cannot deprive you of your legal rights or liberty any longer.
7. Do not hold any conversation with them on politics, the troubles, civil rights etc. It is all being taken down and will be produced in court against you.

We believe that the RUC are illegally stopping lawyers getting in to see men detained under Section 10 of the Emergency Provisions Act. If this happens to you ask your solicitor to challenge it in court.

If you have a complaint of your treatment by the police or army

1. Get a medical certificate of your condition
2. Get a solicitor
3. Inform NICRA
4. Make a formal complaint to the RUC

IT HAS BEEN PROVED THAT IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GET SATISFACTION ON COMPLAINTS LOCALLY, THEREFORE ALL CASES OF BRUTALITY AND HARASSMENT ARE BEING TAKEN TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURTS.

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