



RESULTS OF BLOODY SUNDAY

Far from ending the Troubles the introduction of internment enflamed an already dangerous environment.

- 1) Violence increased massively. Nearly 500 people died in 1972 making it easily the bloodiest year of the Troubles
- 2) the IRA grew in support and weaponry and was well financed after Bloody Sunday
- 3) The British army had its reputation and relationship with nationalists ruined by Bloody Sunday
- 4) FAULKNER was under deep pressure as things began to get out of control. The British government began to look for a longer term solution and that was to shut down Stormont and introduce **DIRECT RULE from Westminster**.

BACKGROUND:

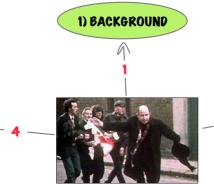
Bloody Sunday was one of the most **infamous** events of the troubles in Northern Ireland

It took place in January 1972 in the wake of the violence and fall out over the introduction of internment in August 1971.

An anti internment march on MAGILLIGAN BEACH had come under severe attack from the British army who used CS gas.

NICRA decided to hold a march in **DERRY** to protest about remaining civil rights issues and the continued hated policy of internment

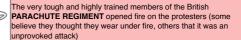
The March was BANNED by the authorities but went ahead anyway with thousands taking part



2) WHAT HAPPENED?



The NICRA March started peacefully but soon rioting took place in isolated pockets of the route



FOURTEEN PEOPLE DIED. (13 on the day) All were unarmed





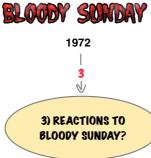




.. On Bloody Sunday:



Money, guns and recruits flooded into the IRA"





1) UNIONISTS:



Regretted the deaths of the protesters but regarded the March as being provocative

Fearing the further rise of the IRA following Bloody Sunday hard line unionists started ULSTER VANGUARD. This was led by William CRAIG and was a LOYALIST PROTEST ORGANISATION with huge support. Up to 70,000 attended one meeting.



2) NATIONALISTS

- They were deeply angry particularly at the British army and government. In Dublin the British embassy was burnt down by angry protesters
- They were further angered by the British government inquiry.



called it the WIDGERY WHITEWASH It is also felt that Bloody Sunday encouraged the British government to close Stormont and introduce DIRECT RULE from Westminster in a bid to control the situation





Membership of the IRA rocketed after Bloody Sunday . Finance flowed in from the USA. The violence saw 1972 as the worst year of the troubles with nearly 500 dead...

