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MEDIA ADVISORY

Northern Ireland Parades Amnesty International sends monitor

Amnesty International is sending a representative to Northern Ireland to monitor the policing of marches between 5 and 13 July. The organization is concerned that in recent years, some peaceful protesters have been ill-treated by police. This is the second year that Amnesty International has decided to observe some of the marches.

Amnesty International is also concerned about the apparent disproportionate firing by police of plastic bullets against protesters from the nationalist community, and about the dangers of indiscriminate firing at crowds of people of a potentially lethal weapon. Last summer, for example, two children suffered head and facial injuries as a result of plastic bullets being fired indiscriminately.

For further information, to contact the representative to the parades, or to arrange an interview with a member of the UK Research Team, please contact Amnesty International Press Office on +44 171 413 4466

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