GRA statement on Garda operation in Longford

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"While the GRA does not comment directly on operational matters, we welcome any measures that increases the safety and security of the public.

"We believe it was necessary to deploy armed support to allow gardai to tackle the upsurge in violent incidents in Longford in a manner that provides appropriate protection for our members' safety."

"The GRA also calls for more resources in the area to ensure gardai can proactively monitor the situation safely after this operation concludes, and to prevent any resurgence of the many violent incidents we have seen in Longford over the past 10 weeks."