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A Police landrover crew in Portadown town centre was alerted to a disturbance and immediately intervened to gain order and prevent assaults. The numbers involved, however, were such that these Police officers were unable to contain the situation and became themselves the subject of attack. Police reinforcement arrived and calm was restored.

Detectives are continuing their investigations into this very serious assault and disturbance and take this opportunity to make a further appeal for witnesses to contact them at Portadown RUC station on [REDACTED]

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Portadown Police are renewing their appeal for witnesses to a very serious assault which took place in the town centre, around 1.30am on the morning of Sunday 27 April.

A special team was set up to investigate this incident and a number of people have already been interviewed. It now appears clear that four people, two couples, who had left a social event in St Patrick's Hall, were set upon by a large crowd. The two men in the group of four were knocked to the ground and viciously beaten. One young man remains very ill.

On separate occasions, during the incident, two men approached the Police. One of these men has come forward and the detectives are particularly anxious to speak to the second. They would also appeal to anyone who was in the area of Market Street, Woodhouse Street and Thomas Street between 1am and 2am on the morning of Sunday 27 April, to get in touch with the CID on Portadown [REDACTED] or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. All information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

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INSPECTOR

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Victim of this sectarian attack died in hospital this afternoon. A murder enquiry has now commenced.

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