



COMUNE DI VICENZA
THE MAYOR

Vicenza, 2 April 2014

To the families who live in the evacuation area.

Subject: Bomb day - 25 April 2014: compulsory evacuation of homes to allow disposal of a dangerous war bomb.

Friday 25 April 2014 will be a very special day for Vicenza and I therefore ask you to read this letter very carefully.

This is the day when Italian Army specialists will be carrying out the operations necessary to dispose of a bomb containing approximately 1,800 kg of explosive, recently discovered in the area of the former Dal Molin airport in Vicenza.

To prevent any risk of danger for the local population and guarantee the safety of all citizens, the *Prefetto* of Vicenza (the local government representative) has ordered "complete evacuation of all buildings and all streets" within a radius of 2,500 metres from the location of the bomb.

All those citizens who, like you, live within the area in question, must evacuate the area by 8.30 on the morning of Friday 25 April 2014. You will be allowed to return to your homes after completion of all the disposal operations, which are expected to last about 7 hours.

I appeal to your civic sense of responsibility to ensure that evacuation procedures scrupulously follow the attached instructions.

It is fundamental that the timetable given is respected if total evacuation is to be completed within the set deadline.

Your cooperation is therefore essential for ensuring that all homes and streets are emptied on time.

At 7.00 am, a capillary plan of checks ordered by the Prefettura will already be under way in the streets inside the area to be evacuated. This will involve hundreds of Law Enforcement Officers with orders to stop any person or vehicle found in the area after 8.30 am. Please remember that anyone not complying with the Prefettura evacuation order will be breaking article no. 650 of the Italian Penal Code in force.

To guarantee complete information for the whole population, the local city council has drawn up the attached information leaflet and further information can be found on the council's website (www.comune.vicenza.it) or requested by calling the council's free phone number 800-127812.

I hope to receive your complete cooperation and comprehension for the inevitable inconveniences that we will all be forced to endure during an operation indispensable for the safety of all.

King regards,

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Attached: information leaflet