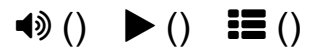




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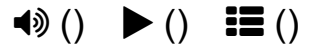
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Police have confiscated abortion pills from campaigners at a protest in Belfast.

A number of women swallowed the pills after the PSNI intervened.

It is illegal to take abortion pills in the North - except in circumstances where the mother's life is at risk or there is a permanent or serious risk to her mental or physical health.

The pills were delivered to the campaigners outside Belfast Crown Court by an 'abortion robot' operated from within the Netherlands.

The campaigners said the pills could be delivered without breaking the law because abortion is legal in the Netherlands.

Police have questioned the women but they have not been arrested. Under Northern Irish law, the act of taking the pills carries a potential life sentence.

The robot has also been confiscated.





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