

Statement by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in Response to Preliminary Conclusions from the High Court on the Omagh Judicial Review

News story

Preliminary conclusions on the Omagh Judicial Review were unveiled at the High Court today. A statement from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Brandon Lewis MP, is below.



Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Brandon Lewis said:

The Omagh bombing was a terrible atrocity that caused untold damage to the families of the 29 people who were tragically killed and the 220 who were injured. The reverberations of that awful event were felt not just in Northern Ireland, but across the world.

I want to put on record my deep regret that the families of those killed and wounded have had to wait so long to find out what happened on that terrible day in 1998. They deserve answers and I have great respect for their patience, grace and determination.

We recognise that today the Court has set out that there are 'plausible allegations that there was a real prospect of preventing the Omagh bombing' and that more should be done to investigate this.

The UK Government will take time to consider the judge's statement

and all its recommendations carefully as we wait for the full judgment to be published.

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