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Omagh tragedy

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### British judge sits in Irish courtroom in Omagh case

A British judge will rule in an Irish courtroom as the Omagh bomb civil action takes another

groundbreaking step.

In a third twist in the unprecedented case, Mr Justice Declan Morgan - who has presided over the case at Belfast Crown Court - will sit in Dublin today to hear submissions from the defendant`s barristers.

For the first time, the District Court will be transformed into a British court setting for the short hearing.

The action is also the first time a case has been taken against alleged terrorists through the courts, and the first time evidence has been heard in a court in the Republic for a case in the North.

Mr Justice Morgan must rule on whether senior counsel will be allowed to object to evidence from gardai they deem inadmissible.




Legal argument yesterday delayed the start of the lawsuit when barristers for men alleged to be responsible for the atrocity claimed the names of their clients could be tarnished if they were not permitted to question evidence as it is given.

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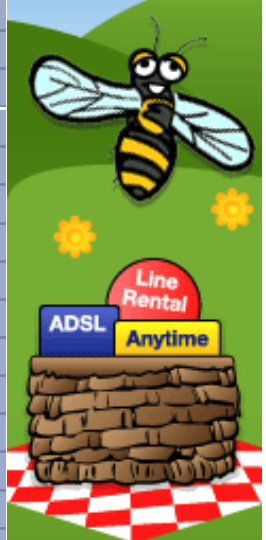
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