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## Terry Waite to unveil Omagh bomb archive

By Lesley-Anne Henry

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A new website archiving the Omagh bomb and its aftermath has been officially launched.

The Omagh Bomb Digital Archive was due to be unveiled by former Beirut hostage Terry Waite at the town's library this morning.

The site is based on the archive collection housed in Omagh Library and includes media coverage, cards, books of condolence and other material relating to the events of 15 August, 1998.

Online visitors can access more than 10,500 newspaper articles, 15,000 emails, 818 books of condolence, 52 videos, nearly 3,000 floral tribute cards, 1,000 sympathy cards and look at the 20 patchwork quilts and cushions presented by the NI Patchwork Guild.

The site is aimed at making the archive available to a global audience.

It has been developed by the Western Education and Library Board (WELB) Library Service in partnership with Omagh Support and Self Help Group (OSSHG) with funding from the Victims Strategy Implementation Fund.

A WELB spokesman said the site would be a lasting tribute to the victims and their families.

He added: "The purpose of the new archive is to ensure that all relevant material is properly and respectfully collected, preserved and organised for future use by victims and their families, the local community, academics, researchers and historians."

Funding for the project came from The Victims Strategy Implementation Fund as well as donations from Omagh District Council.

The site acknowledges: "The success of the digitisation project and this website would not have been possible without the help and hard work of a great many people. Special thanks must go to The Victims Strategy Implementation Fund for their financial support and to all the newspapers and photographers who so generously allowed material to be reproduced on the site."

For further information log on to [www.archiveomagh.co.uk](http://www.archiveomagh.co.uk)

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