

# BELFAST TELEGRAPH

ADVERTISEMENT

**Belfast Telegraph - IPR Website of the Year**

Search Site

Advanced Search

- [Loadzacars.co.uk](#)
  - [Loadzajobs.co.uk](#)
  - [Propertynews.com](#)
  - [Belfast Telegraph TV](#)
  - [Family Notices](#)
  - [Ads For Free](#)
- Belfast Telegraph**
- Home
  - News
    - Local & National
    - World news
    - Politics
    - Environment
    - Education
    - Letters
    - Opinion
    - Technology
  - Breaking News
  - Northwest Edition
  - Business
  - Business Telegraph
  - Sport
  - Health
  - Features
  - Columnists
  - Entertainment
  - Homefinder
  - Weather
  - Archive
  - Calendar 2008
  - Telegraph Travel
  - Shopping Directory
- Inside Belfast**
- Jobs
  - Training
  - Dating
  - Casino
  - Bingo
  - Reader Offers
  - Diners' Club
- Services**
- RSS
  - Media Kit
- Other Titles**

[Home](#) > [News](#) > [Local & National](#)

## Local & National

### Dad raps Omagh probe

- Email Article
- Print Version
- Search
- +Most Emailed
- +Most Read

Friday, February 08, 2008

A father whose son died in the Omagh bomb today said that a Policing Board review into the police investigation is "the last thing Omagh needs" .

Michael Gallagher said he hoped yesterday's decision by the Policing Board to appoint a panel of independent experts to carry out a review of the police investigation into the bombing will not detract from calls from the Omagh families for a cross-border public inquiry.

He added that relatives of the victims are due to meet with the Secretary of State later this month to discuss their concerns and reinforce their call for the public inquiry.

"As we indicated to the Policing Board when we met last week we feel the last thing Omagh needs is another review or investigation into the police investigation," he said.

Mr Gallagher added: "However, we have very little power in that and if there is going to be a review then it is important that any lessons that are learned are fed into the police system.

"But we feel that this cannot detract from our calls for a cross-border public inquiry.

"The Policing Board review is only going to look at the PSNI and issues this side of the border. For the families this is only half of the picture."

However, announcing the board's decision yesterday to carry out an independent review - despite opposition from relatives of the 29 people who died in the atrocity - board chairman Sir Desmond Rea said the review was necessary to hold officers to account for their actions.

He added that in their discussions "board members remained mindful of the views of all those who have suffered and continue to suffer as the result of the Omagh bombing atrocity."

"The board acknowledged the particular views that have been expressed in relation to the board's plans in respect of this review following the meeting with the Omagh families.

"The board also acknowledged the views expressed by the families in relation to a cross-border public inquiry," he said.

"The board is responsible for holding the police to account and it agreed that this independent external review in the five key areas outlined is necessary to provide wider public assurance and confidence in respect of issues arising from the (court) judgment."

#### More articles in Local & National

- [Williams resists calls to resign over sharia row](#)
- [No justice powers if IRA doesn't go away: DUP](#)
- [Is gay rugby worth a try?](#)
- [DJ Simpson hospitalised after heart scare](#)
- [Superbug has led to deaths of at least 77](#)

#### Don't Miss . . .

##### Digging Deepa



Artist gets ready for Waterfront Hall exhibition

##### Homefinder TV



Helen Carson visits a property in Aghadowey

##### Mark Steel: US elections



Hope. America. And a vote for Bob the Builder...

##### Remembering the Munich air disaster



A former Busby Babe recalls the tragic crash

##### Video: Aaron Hughes



NI captain helps nurture local soccer talent

##### Shergar and the 25-year mystery



Was it the IRA, the Mafia or even Colonel Gadaffi?

##### Ten best Valentine's gifts



Find the perfect present for your loved one

##### Omagh in the frame



How a grainy photograph added to the controversy

ADVERTISEMENTS

3 Sunday Life

3 Ireland's Saturday Night

3 Community Telegraph

ADVERTISEMENTS

#### World in Pictures 07

- [Jan & Feb](#)
- [March](#)
- [April](#)
- [May](#)
- [June](#)
- [July](#)
- [August](#)
- [September](#)
- [October](#)
- [November](#)
- [December](#)

#### Video

##### BT Woman of the Year



Applauding  
Ulster's most  
exceptional  
women

##### Omagh blaze tragedy



Special report on  
Northern  
Ireland's worst  
house fire

##### Belfast Telegraph Property Awards



Celebrating  
excellence at the  
inaugural awards  
gala

##### Best view in town



Special  
multimedia  
report on Belfast  
Wheel

#### In Pictures . . .

##### News

- [Ulster Fry event](#)
- [The Twelfth](#)
- [Bull Run](#)
- [Award-winners](#)
- [Flooded Ulster](#)
- [Sunny Northern Ireland](#)
- [Devolution Day](#)
- [Assembly Elections](#)
- [Maze tumbles](#)
- [Blair quits](#)
- [Last watchtower](#)
- [Carrick-a-rede](#)

##### Events

- [Derry Xmas](#)
- [Boss is back](#)
- [Xmas: what a turn on](#)
- [Property Awards](#)
- [50 Cent](#)
- [Enrique Iglesias](#)
- [Halloween](#)
- [Fantasy Fest](#)
- [Rolling Stones](#)
- [Oxegen 07](#)
- [Beach Party 07](#)
- [Balmoral Show](#)
- [Razorlight](#)
- [St Patrick's Day](#)
- [Mardis Gras](#)
- [Justin Timberlake](#)
- [Brit Awards 07](#)

##### Sport

- [Spain 1 Norm Iron 0](#)
- [Win over Denmark](#)
- [Windsor win](#)
- [Golf: Rory McIlroy](#)
- [British Open](#)
- [Copa America Final](#)
- [N Ireland v Sweden](#)

