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# Time to answer Omagh question

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THE scars of [Omagh](#) affected the national psyche more deeply than any other atrocity. It came at a time when we had dared to hope that we had put such barbarity behind us. Yesterday [British Prime Minister Gordon Brown](#) announced a review of intelligence material gathered from the bombing.

His announcement comes after claims in a recent [BBC](#) 'Panorama' documentary that the bombers' phones were being tapped.

What relatives of the victims will ask -- as indeed will anyone with a sense of justice -- is, why did it take a TV programme to prompt an order for an intelligence review?

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While one would welcome an inquiry as all concerned deserve to know the circumstances behind the carnage, investigators must have real powers and the review must not become a sop to public opinion. The 1998 atrocity left 29 people, including a woman expecting twins, dead. It is time for some answers.



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