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From The Times September 15, 2008

'Phone-tap lapse' adds to Omagh inquiry demands

David Sharroc

Pressure to establish a public inquiry into the Omagh bombing in 1998 intensified after it was revealed that British intelligence was monitoring the bombers' mobile telephone calls as they carried out the attack.

Twenty-nine people and two unborn twin girls were killed when a car bomb exploded in the Co Tyrone market town. Relatives of the victims said that their demands for an inquiry could no longer be resisted in the light of claims to be aired tonight on BBC's *Panorama*. The programme will claim that phone-tap information was never passed to detectives investigating the bombing, which was carried out by the Real IRA, a splinter group of the Provisional IRA.

Michael Gallagher, who lost his son Aiden, 21, in the bombing, said: "We have been demanding a public inquiry since 2002 into the abysmal failure of the police inquiries. In all conscience the Government can no longer resist this."

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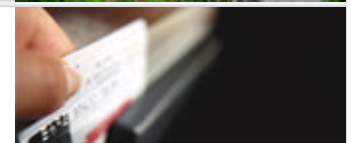
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