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Omagh Bomb Conclusions Do Not Satisfy Demands

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Commenting on the findings of the Gibson Review investigating allegations that GCHQ held back intelligence relating to the Omagh bombing, clearing the British Intelligence Agencies of any wrongdoing, West Tyrone MP Pat Doherty said:

"The release of a highly edited version of Peter Gibson's report into the Panarama revelations about the role of GCHQ in withholding intelligence relating to the bomb in Omagh, clearing the British Intelligence Agencies of any wrongdoing, will do little to satisfy those of us who want to see the truth around this bombing revealed.

"We expressed a fear at the time this report was commissioned that someone from within the British Establishment investigating the role of GCHQ and the British Intelligence Agencies would always result in a report exonerating them and dismissing the very serious questions raised. The fact that the report dismisses the allegations and then withholds the evidence for doing so only adds to the sense of unease.

"The families of those killed in Omagh deserve answers and deserve the truth. This sort of secretive in house investigation does nothing to further that goal. What is required is an independent cross border inquiry into the events before and after the bomb with the authority and powers to delve deep into the role of the intelligence agencies and others in this atrocity." ENDS

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