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| 11:00 | Woman struck in attempted hijack |
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| 07:35 | Hospitals still under pressure |
| 00:25 | ANC tactics bring shades of |
| 00:25 | Indiscriminate slaughter from the |
| 00:25 | Castro's disappearance fuels new |
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| 00:25 | Mystery man |
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| 14:59 | Sipson villagers vow direct action |
| 14:11 | Heathrow third runway gets go-ahead |
| 12:16 | Below the belt: Australian |
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| 19:08 | Hamas interior minister reported |
| 12:16 | Currys and Argos owners report |
| 11:10 | Pragmatism among communities where |
| 10:44 | Triumph of a school under fire |
| 10:44 | First-time buyers squeezed as |
| 09:48 | Worth a look |
| 09:28 | Green waste project moves forward |
| 09:12 | 'War on terror' was a mistake, |
| 09:12 | Where's the arm? |
| 09:11 | Woman injured in Odyssey crash |
| 09:09 | Stab victim needed heart surgery |

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| 09:05 | McAleese to visit the Gulf |
| 08:43 | Man charged over English murder |
| 08:37 | Teachers take action over pay |
| 07:50 | Man shot in west Belfast |
| 01:55 | Steve Jobs's time out raises |
| 01:25 | Cameron promotes Hague in |
| 11:34 | Chinese police arrest biker gang |
| 11:08 | US officer held over shooting |
| 10:26 | Businessman 'faked death by |

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LOCAL NEWS



Families challenge PM

Thursday 15 January 2009 14:18

Omagh intelligence report may not be published

The Prime Minister has been challenged by victims` families to publish a report of a review of intelligence material surrounding the Omagh bombing.

It is understood that due to the sensitive nature of the content, the report will not be published.

The review was ordered by Gordon Brown last September after it was claimed GCHQ was monitoring Real IRA phone conversations as the bombers drove the device into the Co Tyrone town in August 1998.

Twenty-nine people plus two unborn twins were killed in the attack - the worst single atrocity in the Northern Ireland troubles.

Sir Peter Gibson, the Intelligence Services Commissioner, was invited by the Prime Minister to "*review the intercept intelligence material available to the security and intelligence agencies in relation to the Omagh bombing and how it was shared*".

`Not good enough`

The report was completed and handed to Mr Brown before Christmas and a spokesman said it was anticipated there would be a

government comment on it in the next couple of weeks.

But the families of the Omagh victims say that is not good enough.

Michael Gallagher, whose son Aiden died in the bombing, said: "*If the report is not published how are the families going to have the confidence that it was a comprehensive investigation?*"

An Irish report into a claim by a Garda officer, Detective Sergeant John White, that information given to him by an informant and passed on to senior officers was not passed to the Royal Ulster Constabulary, was also never published .

Mr Gallagher said: "*That was treated as an internal inquiry and we see this report being treated in the same light.*

"If it is not published the families will not be reassured that everything possible that could have been done to stop the bombing, or to catch the bombers, was done.


"Why would the Government want to hide the facts from us?"

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