



Described as Northern Ireland`s worst single terrorist atrocity, the Omagh bomb claimed victims from both sides of the community across the north and south of Ireland as well as Spanish tourists.

Nine children (five girls and four boys), 14 women and six men died at the scene or later in hospital.

The attack was claimed by the Real IRA (RIRA), a splinter group of former Provisional IRA members opposed to the Belfast Agreement.

The bomb was in a car which had been parked close to the centre of the town -near the junction of Market Street and the Dublin Road- when it exploded just after 3pm on the afternoon of August 15 1998.

The explosion ripped through crowds, killing and maiming the people and demolishing a number of buildings.

Armagh man Sean Hoey, 38 and from Jonesborough, went on trial accused of 29 counts of murder, as well as various other terrorism and explosives charges.

The judge's verdict is expected today.

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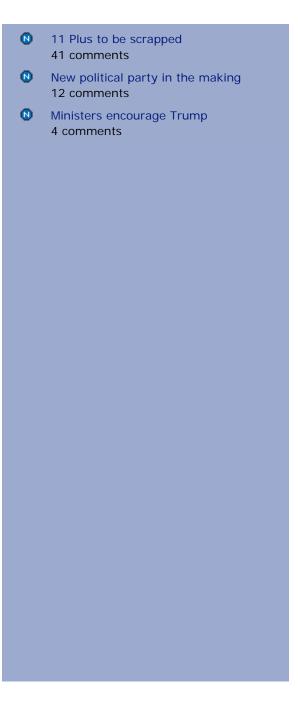
Omagh Bomb: The victims

:: James Barker, 12, Buncrana, Co Donegal. Originally from England :: Fernando Blasco Baselga, 12, Madrid, Spain :: Geraldine Breslin, 43, Omagh :: Deborah-Ann Cartwright, 20, Omagh :: Gareth Conway, 18, Carrickmore, Co Tyrone :: Breda Devine, 20 months, Donemana, Co Tyrone :: Oran Doherty, 8, Buncrana, Co Donegal :: Adrian Gallagher, 21, Omagh :: Esther Gibson, 36, Beragh, Co Tyrone :: Mary Grimes, 65, Beragh, Co Tyrone :: Olive Hawkes, 60, Omagh :: Julia Hughes, 21, Omagh :: Brenda Logue, 17, Omagh :: Ann McCombe, 45, Omagh :: Brian McCrory, 54, Omagh :: Samantha McFarland, 17, Omagh :: Sean McGrath, 61, Omagh :: Sean McLoughlin, 12, Buncrana, Co Donegal :: Jolene Marlow, 17, Omagh :: Avril Monaghan, 30, Augher, Co Tyrone :: Maura Monaghan, 18 months, Augher, Co Tyrone :: Alan Radford, 16, Omagh, Co Tyrone :: Rocio Abad Ramos, 23, Madrid, Spain :: Elizabeth Rush, 57, Omagh :: Veda Short, 46, Omagh :: Philomena Skelton, 49, Drumguin, Co Tyrone :: Fred White, 60, Omagh :: Bryan White, 27, Omagh :: Lorraine Wilson, 15, Omagh

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