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DUP NEWS

Latest News: **Buchanan comments on Omagh intelligence report**

DUP MLA for West Tyrone and member of the Policing Board Thomas Buchanan has commented on the publication of the report commissioned to review intercepted intelligence in relation to the Omagh Bombing. Speaking today Mr Buchanan said,

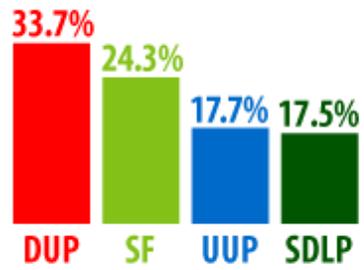


"The primary issue which must never be forgotten is that the people who were responsible for the bombing of Omagh were the people who prepared, transported and detonated that devastating bomb. There have been many claims made about the circumstances surrounding this tragedy. Unfortunately the report which has been published today will not bring much comfort to many of those who have been affected by the bomb. However, is important that the full facts about this case are known.

It is now clear that many of the claims which were made in the Panorama programme in particular have not stood up to scrutiny. The technical evidence demonstrates that mobile phones could not have been tracked in the way suggested by this programme. There is no doubt that this broadcast will have distressed many people by having suggested that there was a clear and simple way in which those mobile phones could have been followed.

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The fact that the report states that proper procedures were also followed for the passing on of intelligence information will also mean that people's questions will continue to be unanswered as to just how this event happened. Unfortunately as yet another investigation has been carried out and another report published those who suffered most as a result of the bombing are no further forward in their quest that justice might be served on those who carried out this atrocity."

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