***FAST FACTS -***

**OMAGH SUPPORT & SELF-HELP GROUP, OMAGH, NORTHERN IRELAND**

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***WHAT:***

* Campaign to highlight undelivered justice to convict perpetrators of '*Ireland's September 11th*' atrocity in a 1998 car bomb attack which claimed 31 lives
* Pressure on police & governments to deliver on promises to 'leave no stone unturned' in finding perpetrators & repair damage in public confidence to policing and morality of peace process

***WHO:***

* Families of the fallen have taken on the mantle - pursuing perpetrators through civil lawsuits, calling out dubious police & institutions' unsupportive responses
* Michael Gallagher, mechanic who lost his son Aiden in the attack, has become figurehead of families' campaigns. He spoke at Bosserman in 2013, giving the '*One Person Can Make A Difference*' lecture
* Media have joined in campaign, highlighting strength of the survivors' moral case for justice to be served

***PURPOSE:***

* Ongoing pressure from families on UK and Ireland govts to allow a Public Enquiry investigating the effectiveness of police handling of the attack
* Could the bombing have been handled better, both in preventive terms & the contested investigation afterwards?

***KEY CHALLENGE:***

* Calls on UK, Ireland governments to resist a suspected amnesty to the perpetrators, thus undermining whole conflict resolution effort by cheating justice by immorality and pacifying the guilty
* Upholding justice will enhance public confidence in peace accord and care for innocent survivors

***ENCOURAGEMENTS/PUBLIC ESTEEM:***

* High praise/support for survivors from across the media who regularly platform their case and pressurize govts and police into assisting the families' quest for justice
* Hollywood movie, *Omagh*, (from *Bourne Supremacy* director) highlighted the heroism of the survivors and their leader, Gallagher, and won many international awards
* Ireland's Police Oversight Ombudsman, strongly supports survivors campaign for accountability & transparency
* Widespread support for Omagh campaigners from international survivors sector on different continents