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United Kingdom: Amnesty International condemns bombing in Omagh

Amnesty International members throughout the world today joined in condemning the bombing in Omagh, County Tyrone, on Saturday, which left 28 people dead and scores/hundreds wounded.

“Whoever is responsible, this attack showed callous disregard for the lives of innocent people and the aspirations of the Northern Ireland community for peace and human rights,” Amnesty International said.

Throughout the conflict in Northern Ireland, the organization has consistently appealed to all paramilitary organizations to live up to the fundamental principles of international humanitarian law and in particular to stop all deliberate or indiscriminate attacks on all civilians.

The organization expressed concern that the bombing could lead to retributive attacks by other paramilitary groups, or security measures by the authorities which violate human rights.

“It is paramount that all parties respond to this tragic loss of life in a way that furthers efforts to build a culture of respect for human rights in Northern Ireland,” the organization said.
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