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"I have to stress we haven't made our mind up - that's why the director of MI5 should meet the families, to

We understand why they have to be secret, but because they are taking over a wider role in Northern

Mr Gallagher said: "We're not experts, but we've experienced terrorism. To me, it's saying we're not

Last year, then director of MI5, Dame Eliza Manningham-Buller, refused to meet the families, and their

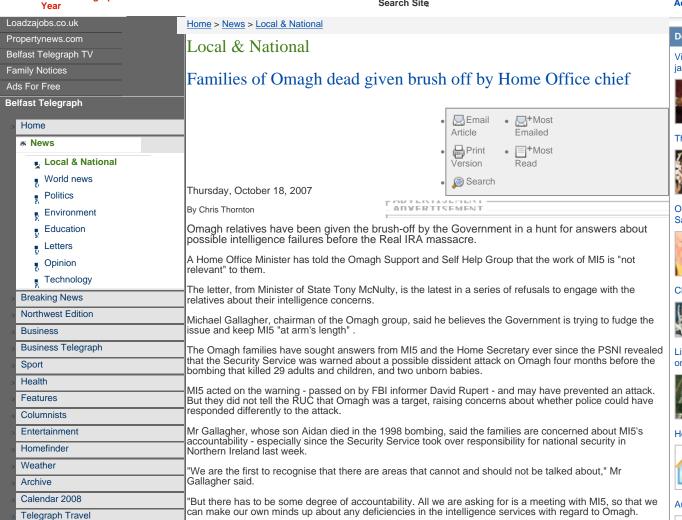
requests for a meeting with previous Home Secretary John Reid also failed. The Home Office is directly

When Jacqui Smith became the new Home Secretary this summer, the families tried again for a meeting. Mr McNulty responded this week, two months later. He offered to meet the families, but says he "will not be

He rejected Mr McNulty's suggestion that MI5's work is "not relevant" to the Omagh families.

important, and that's demeaning of the people who've stood up to terrorism and been counted.

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able to add substantially" to his comments in the letter.

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Mr Gallagher said the Omagh families will "meet and discuss the offer Mr McNulty has kindly made to us, but we tend to think it would be a fudge".

discuss these matters.

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