

Annex K-1
to 1 QLR Unit Historical Record
dated 31 Mar 99

**1 QLR Post Incident Report of the Explosion in Omagh Town
Centre 15 Aug 98.**



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OMAGH BOMB 15 AUG 98 - POST INCIDENT REPORT

1. Introduction This report is written to record the detail of events carried out by the ORB in response to the VBIED in OMA on 15 Aug 98. It will also detail the agencies involved in the incident and outline lessons learnt from actions conducted after the incident. A map detailing the location of the device and cordon positions is at Annex A.

2. Details of Incident

1440 The RUC received a bomb warning for OMA town and begin clearing the town centre starting from the courthouse. Detail overheard by Int Cell 1 QLR monitoring RUC net. ATO, QRF, Ops 2 OC and Bde informed. CO and Ops Offr paged, town put OOB.

1445 target confirmed as The Court House. RUC have begun clearing the area starting from the courthouse. C Coy are called in to work.

1455 RUC confirm warning was given with a codeword and all neighbouring units informed. No device has been confirmed by the RUC. RUC do not require any mil assistance yet.

1503 CO arrives in Ops room.

1506 Device Detonates.

1511 Gaz 5 on Task. Seat of Explosion confirmed as High St/ Market St junction. Casualties confirmed ambulances required.

1516 QRF to deploy with ambulances. 2IC in Ops Room.

1519 Gaz 5 reports seat of explosion GD 453727. Extensive damage and casualties.

1526 E20A to RV with RUC at Bus stn. Amb RV is given as corner of Market St once cleared by troops and RUC. All streets into scene now gridlocked.

1530 ATO and E0A deploy. Puma 7 tasked to TCH once pick up of RU30A complete. 4 fatalities confirmed.

1550 C Coy establish initial cordon. All medical staff called into camp.

1607 CO deploys. All Med staff now deployed from camp.

1612 12 dead confirmed, unknown no of casualties. Amb have been tasked to take injured to TCH.

1617 Reported by RUC that at time of explosion people were being cleared down the high street away from the courthouse and into the area of the explosion.

1625 21 fatalities reported over RUC net.

1627 Bomb warning received in ENK. Decision made to retain ATO in OMA until further confirmation received from RUC in ENK.

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