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Manchester United Fans Remember Munich on the 61st Anniversary of the Disaster

Manchester, UK: February 6th 2019 marks the 61st anniversary of the Munich Air Disaster in which 23 people, including 8 Manchester United players, died. The aircraft carrying players and backroom staff plus a number of journalists, supporters and flight crew, crashed in a blizzard on its third attempt to take off from Munich airport. United were returning from Belgrade where they had just played Red Star in the European Cup and had stopped off at Munich for re-fuelling.

It has become a tradition for United supporters to gather under the Munich Plaque at Old Trafford to remember the victims of the accident. This year there will be two remembrance ceremonies, both of which have been organised by Elaine Giles and Mike Thomas, from Munich58.co.uk, in partnership with Manchester United.

The first will be on Tuesday 29th January at 6:30pm (prior to the home match against Burnley) and the second will be on Wednesday February 6th at 2:40pm. The ceremonies will last for 25 minutes and will be a mixture of poems, songs and prayers. Whether you support United, another team or just want to pay your respects, all are welcome to attend.

About munich58.co.uk: munich58.co.uk is a website created, in 2001, by Mike Thomas and Elaine Giles; two, Manchester-based, Manchester United fans. The website is the definitive source for finding news articles, videos and photos related to the Munich air crash, as well as information about those who lost their lives in the crash.

The purpose of munich58.co.uk is two-fold. First, it's an online memorial to those who died at Munich, and secondly, it is our aim to educate the younger element of the United fanbase about the most important (and darkest) day in the history of the club.

In addition to the story of what happened on that fateful day, the site contains information about the victims, a downloadable copy of the famous Flowers of Manchester song and a Tribute Book that contains over 2000 entries, including some from the families of the survivors.

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