
Media Advisory

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PROGRAM AND ACCREDITATION FOR THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT KARZAI

Hamid Karzai, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, will visit Ottawa and Montreal from September 21 to 23, 2006.

Media representatives who wish to cover the events must contact the Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office at 613-995-1874 by 3:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, September 21, 2006, and leave their name, agency and phone number, specifying that their accreditation request is for the Ottawa and/or Montreal events. Representatives will then be contacted by Alain Cacchione to confirm participation and will be given information on where to obtain an accreditation pass.

Note that there are a limited number of spaces available to the media and that no more than two members from any agency (one camera/photographer and one reporter) will be allowed at the events. If demand exceeds the available space, media may be restricted to one camera/photographer per agency only.

Confirmed media are requested to present themselves at least one hour prior to each event with the following accreditation criteria:

1. Media accreditation from the Parliamentary Press Gallery or any provincial legislature, along with one piece of photo identification. **Temporary Press Gallery accreditation holders will be required to register with the Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office at 613-995-1874.**
2. In the absence of suitable Gallery accreditation, an assignment letter from the responsible editor at the media outlet must be faxed to the Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office at 613-995-1405 by 3:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, September 21. Only applications from known media outlets as listed in commercial media directories will be accepted.

Media are required to present one piece of photo identification at registration.

All media will be subject to searches and screening at sites.

