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CANADA CONDEMNNS MURDER OF HOSTAGE IN KASHMIR

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today condemned the murder of Norwegian hostage, Hans Christian Ostroe, by the extremist Kashmiri political group, Al-Faran.

"This is an abhorrent and barbaric act that must be condemned in the strongest terms. A resolution of the conflict over Kashmir will only be achieved through peaceful dialogue," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister also called on Al-Faran not to harm the four other hostages and to release them as soon as possible.

Canada has consistently pushed for a resolution of the Kashmir problem through sustained dialogue between India and Pakistan that takes into account the interests of the Kashmiri people. Canada has also expressed its concern over human rights abuses in Kashmir and has welcomed India's increasingly transparent and positive response to the situation in Kashmir.

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