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OUELLET CONDEMNS TERRORIST KILLINGS IN SRI LANKA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet expressed his shock at the horrific suicide bombing which took the life today of Sri Lankan presidential candidate and Opposition leader, Gamini Dissanayake, in Colombo. The bombing, which occurred at a large election rally of the United National Party, killed over 50 people and wounded many others.

"Canada strongly condemns this premeditated, cowardly, and brutal act. Democracy and peace cannot be held ransom by thugs and terrorists. I wish to extend Canada's deepest condolences to Mrs. Dissanayake and to the families, friends, and colleagues of the other victims," Mr. Ouellet said.

Mr. Ouellet indicated that Canada joined in the calls for calm in Sri Lanka, and reiterated Canada's support for the democratic process and efforts to end the communal conflict which has afflicted that country.

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