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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA OFFERS ANTI-TERRORIST REWARD

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Honourable Bob Kaplan, Solicitor General of Canada, announced today that the Government of Canada has approved a reward of up to \$100,000 for information and/or evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the attempted assassination of Turkish diplomat Kani GUNGOR in Ottawa, Canada, on April 8, 1982 and the murder of Turkish Military Attaché Colonel Atilla ALTIKAT, also in Ottawa, on August 27, 1982. Two terrorist organizations, the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) and the Justice Commandos of the Armenian Genocide (JCAG), claimed responsibility for these crimes.

Prior to the crimes against the two Turkish officials, Canada was not seriously affected by international terrorism. By offering this reward, the Canadian Government reasserts its unrelenting commitment to combat terrorism and to do everything in its power to bring the perpetrators of such acts to justice.

The offer of this reward is consistent with the practice of other states in cases involving acts of terrorism.

Any information should be conveyed to the nearest office of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or the Ottawa City Police at (613) 236-0311, Extension 236. Information on the investigation may be obtained from the Commanding Officer, R.C.M.P. "A" Division, Ottawa or the Ottawa City Police.