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A tactical airlift experience for Canada’s Prime Minister

by Captain Nicole Meszaros,
8 Wing Public Affairs Officer

As Mission Commander, Major Peter Jaeggi, a 436 Transport Squadron Air Navigator, explained that he knew he was embarking upon a high profile mission but that he didn’t know what it was about until the night before. The mission was of course to pick up the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, who was in Islamabad, Pakistan on March 12 after being transported there by an aircrew from 437 Transport Squadron.

“The crew,” Major Jaeggi explained, “only knew of the mission the day of, and even the Aircraft Commander, Captain Marc Laroche, did not know they were going to pick up the Prime Minister, he only knew of the location to which he was flying.”

The high profile mission was kept a secret from most of Canadians, and not even the mainstream national media knew of the mission the airmen and airwomen of 8 Wing assisted by one member of 17 Wing were planning. “The main challenge was secrecy and the crews were on a need to know basis,” Major Jaeggi said and thus the mission was kept a secret from all who did not directly need to know.

After take off, the Prime Minister was offered a seat at the flight controls while still over Pakistan. “He was in good spirits and upbeat about his visit, despite being tired from long hours of travelling,” said Major Jaeggi. “He seemed to realize the positive impact his visit would have on the troops in theatre.”

Upon landing at his first stop in Kandahar, Afghanistan the Prime Minister encountered a sand storm. However, the experienced aircrew flew a successful tactical approach taking into consideration the diminished visibility, terrain and available intelligence.

For the crew it was an exciting mission. “It’s not every day we get to fly the Prime Minister of our country in a tactical environment,” said Major Jaeggi. The enthusiasm of the crews can be evidenced



Photo: Sgt Roxanne Clowe, Combat Camera

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada.

by the fact that they had their log books flown into Kandahar to have the Prime Minister sign them on the last leg of the mission, from Kabul back to Islamabad.

“He was quite happy to sign our log books and wrote little notes thanking us for the flights and the experience,” Major Jaeggi said.

The First Officer, Captain Trevor Judd from 435 Transport and Rescue Squadron, was a welcome and helpful addition to the team. “The people of 435 and 436 Squadron work well together in theatre and the extra support is appreciated,” said Major Jaeggi. Other members of the crew included Flight Engineer, Warrant Officer Gord Woods, Load Masters, Warrant Officer Kevin Torfason and Sergeant Laurie Moore and Aircraft Security Officer, Corporal Perrin Brennan. This mission was a successful one thanks to the unwavering support from our professional maintainers at the Tactical Airlift Unit and the support from the rest of Camp Mirage as well.

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Sixteen new technicians join the maintainers family

by MWO Normand Marion, 16 Wing

In July 2005, 16 Wing announced with great fanfare the graduation of the candidates of a pilot course for Aviation Systems Technicians (AVN Tech) - Apprentice level.

The pilot course, delivered at the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Technology and Engineering (CFSATE) at 16 Wing Borden, was an upgraded and much enhanced version of the aircraft technician training given previously to CF personnel.

Last Thursday, a similar ceremony took place in Borden to recognise the graduates of the first steady state AVN Tech course, that is the first candidates to receive the complete instruction package based on the new improved curriculum. During the ceremony, 16 graduates were presented their certificate and AVN Tech trade badge. Twelve of these candidates had spent the previous 17 months at CFSATE where they learned to handle, service and maintain aircraft systems such as propulsion, airframe, electrical, weapons systems and their components, as well as aircraft life support equipment. Four additional candidates deemed “semi-skilled” due to their civilian training joined the course only for the parts that were necessary to bring them up to the new military standard.

During the graduation ceremony, the Guest of Honour, Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Lewis, Commandant Officer of 8 Air Maintenance

Squadron in Trenton, took the opportunity to welcome the new graduates into the maintainers family: “As new graduates, you are entering a family that makes up some 40 per cent of the personnel of the entire Air Force. A family that is finally thinking and operating like a family and speaking with a single voice. This single voice has allowed the maintainers to have much greater influence on shaping the future of the Air Force,” he explained. LCol Lewis also reminded the graduates of the important role they will be asked to play within the Air Force: “You represent the future of our Air Force, and the opportunities that await you are unprecedented.”

The Guest of Honour also presented the Top Student Award to Corporal Eric Boucher who completed the course with an average of 94.6 per cent, while the course average was 86.07 per cent. Cpl Boucher, a marine engineering mechanic for more than 12 years, was more than pleased with his results, although he gives much of the credit to the experienced he had already gained in his previous trade: “There are many similarities between the trades, such as electricity and hydraulics; but there were also many new topics for me, like flight controls and air weapons.” Cpl Boucher will soon be back in a familiar environment, as he will join the Air Maintenance community in Shearwater, Nova Scotia, where he will work on Sea King helicopters.

Congratulations to Cpl Boucher and to all the graduates of AVN Tech course 0601!



Photo: MCpl Sylvain Bourget

Top student of the new AVN Tech course, Cpl Eric Boucher (centre) receives the award from Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Lewis, Commanding Officer of 8AMS, accompanied by CFSATE Chief Warrant Officer, CWO Louis Limoges.

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PM addresses troops in Kandahar

Address by the Prime Minister to Canadian Forces in Afghanistan, March 13, 2006, Kandahar, Afghanistan

Thank you for your warm welcome. I want to begin by telling you how proud I am of the work you're doing. You have put yourself on the line to: defend our national interests; protect Canada and the world from terror; and help the people of Afghanistan rebuild their country. I thank you. Canadians thank you. And I know that the Afghan people thank you.

Canada's National Interest

Your work is important because it is in our national interest to see Afghanistan become a free, democratic, and peaceful country. Before its liberation, under the Taliban regime, Afghanistan often served as an incubator for Al Qaeda and other terror organizations.

This reality hit home with brutal force on 9-11, when two dozen Canadians lost their lives suddenly and senselessly in the destruction of the World Trade Centre.

Those were ordinary Canadians. People with families, partners, children and dreams for a better future. Just like all of our citizens, people who died suddenly and for no reason at the hands of fanatics.

Since that time, Al Qaeda has singled out Canada as one of the countries targeted for terror. And beyond the threat of terror there's the threat of drugs.

An unstable Afghanistan

represents easy pickings for drug lords who would use the country as a safe haven for the production of heroin, which wreaks its own destruction on the streets of our country.

Our Canada is a great place, but Canada is not an island. And what happens in places like Afghanistan threatens and affects all of us back home in our own country.

Canadian Leadership Tradition

Your work is about more than just defending Canada's interest. It's also about demonstrating an international leadership role for our country. Not carping from the sidelines, but taking a stand on the big issues that matter.

You can't lead from the bleachers. I want Canada to be a leader. And I know you want to serve your country. A country that really leads, not a country that just follows. That's what you are doing. Serving in a UN-mandated, Canadian-led security operation that is in the very best of the Canadian tradition: providing leadership on global issues; stepping up to the plate; doing good when good is required.

Humanitarian Mission

Finally, but no less important, is the great humanitarian work you're doing. Working with the Afghan government and Afghan people to enhance their security helps them. It helps them rebuild their country to make a better life for themselves and their children.

Already a great deal has been accomplished. Reconstruction is reducing poverty; millions of people are now able to vote; women are enjoying greater rights and economic opportunities that could have been imagined under the Taliban regime; and of Afghan children who are now in school studying the same things Canadian kids are learning back home.

These are important victories for the people of Afghanistan, and they represent things worth standing up for.

Standing up for Canadian Values

Of course, standing up for these core Canadian values may not always be easy at times. It's never easy for the men and women on the front lines. And there may be some who want to cut and run.

But cutting and running is not your way. It's not my way. And it's not the Canadian way. We don't make a commitment and then run away at the first sign of trouble. We don't and we won't.

Friends, we have made real progress here. You're work is vital to Canada. To the free world. To the Afghan people. As you get ready to go back to work, know that I am behind you. Your government is behind you. And, most importantly, the Canadian people are behind you.

Thank you. God bless Canada.

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper



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EME Squadron Supports DART Redeployment—It's a busy time again for EME Squadron in support of the DART. Some of the equipment is just making its way back to Canada now. In the photo are Corporal Scott McGowan and Mr. Andy Engel, both mechanics from EME Squadron, hard at work getting a DART MLVW back in running order and ready for the next deployment.

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Coffee to Kandahar

Photo: Cpl. David Cribb, 8 Wing Imaging



Private Bev Dunbar and Corporal Jim Melanson, Traffic Technicians with 2 Air Movement Squadron, prepare a skid of Tim Horton's coffee for shipping in a CC-150 Polaris Airbus on March 20, 2006. Tim Hortons Donated 820 pounds of coffee for CF Personnel serving overseas.

Search & Rescue UPDATE



A quiet week once again for the Tiger's lair.

Tiger 307, a CC-130, was tasked for an ELT near Sudbury. The signal was from an aircraft safely parked on a lake near the Sudbury airport. Since there was no distress, Tiger 307 returned to base.

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Headed to Kenya

Capt Craig Rogalsky will lead a team of 28 people to Kenya this summer from the Trenton/Bellville area.

Rogalsky and his team will work with the Yatta Street Rehabilitation Project which has been developed by a local Kenyan organization called the Mully's Children Family (MCF).

In 2002, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) provided support for the development of the Yatta Street Girls Rehabilitation program. The program seeks to rescue and rehabilitate street kids through the provision of basic human needs, psychosocial support, education and training. The program goal is to see street kids successfully reintegrated back into society as productive, responsible citizens.

The majority of children are forced to drop out of school at a young age and succumb to early marriages, or turn to the streets for survival. Girls on the streets live with the constant threat of rape, physical abuse, and forced prostitution. Life on the streets exposes them to all sorts of health problems, such as STD's, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and skin diseases, malnutrition, rape, and even death. They lack life's basic needs such as food, clothing, medical care, shelter and education.

Capt Rogalsky and team will spend 22 days this summer helping to meet the needs of these orphans. He will be putting on a fundraiser on 6 April 06 at the South Side Gym, where he will attempt to climb 19,341 feet using "Jacobs ladder."

If you can help or just want to see an ATC "suffer," come out and cheer or jeer him on.

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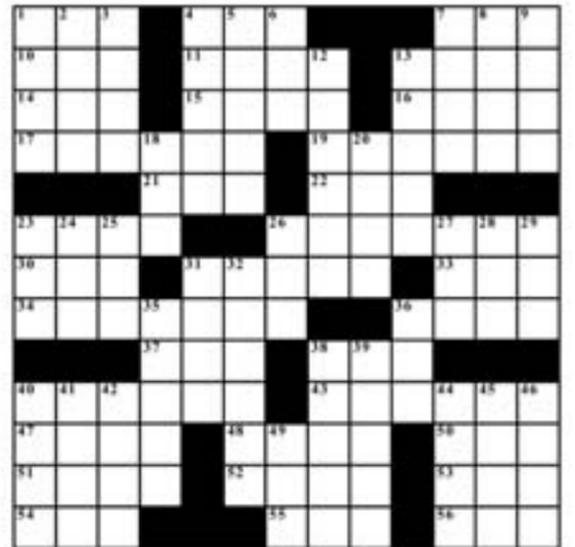
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This Week in Contact

1996 – As you are undoubtedly aware, allegations have recently surfaced which call into question the loyalty of Canadian Forces members during last year's Quebec referendum campaign. These unsubstantiated allegations attack the very essence of the Canadian Forces professional ethos. The Minister of National Defence and the Chief of the Defence Staff assure all members of the Canadian Forces that we have complete confidence in their integrity and their loyalty to the Government of Canada

1986 – Young children in Ontario have lower blood lead levels than their counterparts in the United States, according to an Ontario government study. The study also found that urban children aged six and younger have higher concentration than children in suburban areas, while those living rural areas have the lowest levels. The study was released by Health Minister Murray Elston, Labour Minister William Wrye and Environment Minister James Bradley. Mr Elston said the study found that children's blood lead levels are largely related to environmental factors, and leaded gasoline is a major contributor to the higher concentrations.

1976 – Coach George Sulk, President John Mortimer and Swim-a-thon Co-ordinator Carolyn Dodd, of the Trenton Dolphin Swim Club explained the rules to team captains, Colonel Henry of CFB Trenton, and Mayor Patrick of Trenton, who prepared to plunge for the Dolphin's annual Swim-a-thon. The fundraising campaign, which helps finance amateur competitive swimming, culminates at CFB Trenton pool during the April 4th swim-off.

Created by Lt J. H. MacDonald,
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DELIGHTING THE CROWD

Photo: Cpl David Cribb, 8 Wing Imaging



In an attempt to bolster audience participation during a recent CF Show Tour performance, Ms. Diane Chase hauls the 8 Wing Chief Warrant Officer, CWO Don Cheverie on stage. The Chief valiantly worked his way through the chorus of a Doobie Brothers' song, much to the delight of the crowd. The CF Show Tour played their first concert March 15 at the Astra Lounge, here at CFB Trenton. The tour is planning to visit CFB Goosebay, CFS Alert, and Canadian Forces (CF) personnel in Afghanistan. The CF Tour provides exposure for the entertainers, and well-appreciated entertainment for Canadian men and women in uniform.

Healing the mind, body and spirit



Photo: Amber Gooding, Contact Staff

Personnel from 8 Wing/CFB Trenton participated in a healing circle delivered by members of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory on March 21 at Baker Island. Alan Brant (standing), who attended the event with his family, walked participants through a rendition of the Iroquoian creation story in both English and his native language.

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is the third major indicator that housing prices have passed the ability of the average family to afford them. And anytime that transpires, the writing is on the garage wall.

First we have had the unprecedented use of the 5 per cent down payment program. Genworth's Vukanovich told me in our meeting about the tens of billions in mortgages his company has just insured for buyers in that program - in fact, this is where almost all of the mortgage growth is. Not good. Buyers putting up 5 per cent of the price of a home and mortgaging 95% are doing the same things as stock market junkies snapping up securities on margin. The only way they make money is if the asset rises in value, and quickly. So far the 5 per cent down crowd have done very well, since their extreme leveraging has paid off in a rising market. But if housing prices move in the opposite direction, their tiny little bit of equity can evaporate in a week or two, leaving them with nothing but a sea of debt. Oh yeah, and a home they "own."

The second indication this is a market living on somebody else's oxygen was the announcement some months ago that several of the banks would lend money to people who don't have any -- hence, the zero-down mortgage. Borrowers with good strong employment earnings, but no savings, suddenly qualified to buy houses they could not afford. Need I say more? But, actually, there is more - because boutique lenders will now give you enough money for 100 per cent of the purchase prices,

plus more cash for the closing costs and a new plasma TV.

So, here we have the third indicator - amortizations which have gone from 25 years to 30, then to 35 years and quite possibly now to fifty. This is irrefutable proof that houses at these levels are unaffordable if you play by the rules that have influenced real estate supply and demand for the last three generations. And layer on top of that the effect of five recent mortgage rate increases, with the prospect of a couple more to come, and you can see what's going down.

Over the last year, Vancouver house prices rose 26 per cent. In Calgary, 24 per cent. In Toronto, just 6 per cent. I would argue that the inevitable correction in real estate prices has already started in the GTA and will soon be spreading west. In mid-town Toronto right now, you have to spend \$1.3 million to buy an 80-year-old brick house on a street full of the same houses, on a 30-foot-wide lot with no garage. And this is not an area of wealthy millionaire families, but rather working couples with public school-age kids. They may live in million-dollar homes, but they quite often also have million-dollar mortgages.

The only way they'll make money on those houses is if they find somebody to pay even more. And behind that indebted buyer will be a generous lender. And behind that lender, a creative insurer. And you don't want to know what's behind him.

More on this, soon. Garth Turner can be reached at garth@garth.ca.

The real estate boom is over. You may or may not like that news, but it is now official. I am calling the eight-year-long housing lovefest, finito.

Done like dinner. Does that mean housing prices are going to start spiralling lower, with a rerun of the equity-busting days of the early 1990s? Should families who have concentrated most of their wealth in their homes be panicking?

Hardly. I see no storm clouds on the horizon. But neither do I see the weather conditions that would allow prices to keep on rising. And there is one overwhelming piece of news that, more than anything else, should tell everyone that real estate is an overvalued commodity ripe for correction.

This past week my friend Peter Vukanovich, who came to visit me a few days ago in my MP's riding office, pulled the trigger. His company, Genworth Financial, has now become the first mortgage insurer to cover 35-year home loans. That goes one better than CHMC, which three weeks ago said it would insure 30-year-long mortgages. And the country's best-known mortgage guru, whom I spent time with as well last week in the boardroom of a Toronto law firm, told me in hushed tones

he is preparing for the advent of the 50-year mortgage.

What does this mean? And what's the big difference from today's normal 25-year mortgage amortization?

Simply, it is this: Mortgages have always been very large debts for people to pay, and in order to make them more affordable, the payments have been spread over a long period of time - usually 25 years. The effect of this is that monthly payments are brought down, but the amount you end up paying back rises. At today's interest rates, with a 25-year am, you actually pay the lender about twice what you borrowed - almost \$580,000 in payments on a \$300,000 mortgage.

So, when the payment period (that's the amortization part - based on the French verb 'to kill') is extended, then the same formula kicks in, namely, lower monthly payments and a greater amount actually repaid. In the case of that \$300,000 mortgage and a 35-year amortization, monthly payments fall from \$2,000 a month to about \$1,700, but the amount you dish over rises by \$135,000, to a substantial \$712,000.

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There are currently six teams competing in the bowling activities; Wing Ops, Sexy Seniors, Golden Oldies, CCC & C, A2, 81 AEF, EME.

It has brought back over 50 competitors to the bowling alley, where they have the chance to play over the lunch period, which helps to ensure maximum participation.

It is through the hard work and dedication of Capt Mike Stoddart and Ernie Strocel that this inter-section sport has returned.

Mike has been acting as the President, Vice President, Secretary and Statistician to ensure that the league makes it off the ground this year.

The Wing Ops team was declared

the 2005 - 2006 I/S Bowling League Champs. Congratulations!

The individual award winners are as follow:

Men's:

- High Avg -- Mike Stoddart
- High Double -- Don Dionne
- High Single -- Ernie Strocel
- High Double POA -- Larry Cote
- High Single POA -- (Tie) Harold Stoddart and Jay Williams.

Ladies:

- High Avg -- Donna Stoddart
- High Double -- Edie Rathbun
- High Single -- Deb Malchow
- High Double POA -- Terra Derkson-Bent
- High Single POA -- Janet Brennan



Award winners shown above from left to right are Nathalie Serre, LCol Roberts, MCpl Derkson-Bent, Capt Stoddart, Cpl Clerk, WO Davis. Missing from the photo are Sgt Filman, Capt Silver, Sgt Jarvie.

2006 Ontario Regional Squash Champs



8 Wing/CFB Trenton Squash Team was successful in bringing home the gold on March 6 at CFB Petawawa. 8 Wing/CFB Trenton will represent the Ontario region in the CF National Championships to be held at CFB Borden in May. Congratulations team and good luck!

Pictured above, from left to right are Capt Marty Dufour (2nd Seed Open), Pte Vicky Lefebvre (Ladies), Cpl Chris DeFresne (Junior), Sgt Scott Creamer (Team Captain, Masters), LS Brian Sharp (1st Seed Open), Capt Carl Charbonneau (3rd Seed Open) and 2Lt Ryan Kean (4th Seed Open)

Deadline approaching for CF EXPRESS Testing

Just a reminder that EXPRESS Testing is being conducted Monday through Thursday at 0830 and 1330, until March 31.

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- 6 hours prior to -- No alcohol
- Do not exercise the same day.

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- Please note the following cancellations for the month of April. Thank you.
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 - Parent and Tot Swim from 3 to 4 p.m.
 - Saturday April 1:
 - Rec Swim from 1 to 3 p.m.
 - Adult Lane Swim from 3 to 4 p.m.



Notice TO ALL VETERANS

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Des nouveaux techniciens se joignent à la famille de la maintenance

par l'Adjum Normand
Marion, 16e Escadre

En juillet dernier, la 16e Escadre annonçait avec tambours et trompettes la remise de diplômes aux stagiaires d'un cours pilote de techniciens en systèmes aéronautiques (TEC AERO) - niveau apprenti. Ce cours pilote, donné à l'École de technologie et du génie aérospatial des Forces canadiennes (ETGAFC) à la 16e Escadre Borden, était une version allongée et grandement améliorée de l'instruction donnée jusque là aux TEC AERO des Forces canadiennes.

Jeudi dernier, une cérémonie semblable avait lieu

pour les finissants du premier cours continu de TEC AERO, c'est à dire les premiers stagiaires à avoir reçu leur instruction complète basée sur ce nouveau curriculum amélioré. Au cours de la cérémonie, 16 finissants se sont vus remettre leur diplôme et leur insigne professionnel de TEC AERO. Douze de ces stagiaires venaient de passer les 17 derniers mois à l'ETGAFC pour y apprendre les rudiments de la manœuvre et la maintenance des systèmes aéronautiques, notamment les systèmes électriques, de propulsion, de cellule, les systèmes d'armement et leurs composants, ainsi que l'équipement de survie à bord des aéronefs. Quatre autres

finissants jugés « semi-qualifiés » grâce à leurs qualifications civiles se sont joints aux 12 stagiaires seulement pour les éléments du cours nécessaires pour combler leurs lacunes.

Lors d'une brève allocution, l'invité d'honneur, le Lieutenant-colonel Bill Lewis, commandant du 8e Escadron de maintenance (Air) à Trenton, a profité de l'occasion pour souhaiter la bienvenue aux finissants: « Avec cette cérémonie de remise des diplômes vous vous joignez à une grande famille qui comprend plus de quarante pour cent du personnel de la Force aérienne. C'est une famille qui s'exprime maintenant avec une seule et

unique voix, ce qui nous permet d'avoir une influence plus grande que jamais sur l'avenir de la Force aérienne, » expliqua-t-il. Le Lcol Lewis a rappelé aux finissants le rôle primordial qu'ils seront appelés à jouer au sein de la Force aérienne: « Vous représentez l'avenir de notre Force aérienne, et les possibilités qui vous attendent sont sans précédent. »

L'invité d'honneur a aussi remis le trophée du meilleur stagiaire au Caporal Éric Boucher qui a complété le cours avec une moyenne de 94,6 pour cent alors que la moyenne du cours était de 86,07 pour cent. Le Cpl Boucher, mécanicien de marine pendant plus de 12

ans, s'est dit très satisfait de ses résultats tout en attribuant sa réussite à l'expérience gagnée dans son métier précédent: « Il y a beaucoup de similarités entre ces deux métiers, comme par exemple l'électricité et l'hydraulique. Il y avait aussi des sujets complètement nouveaux pour moi comme les contrôles de vol et l'armement des aéronefs. » Le Cpl Boucher retournera bientôt dans un milieu familier puisqu'il se joindra à la famille de la maintenance des aéronefs de Shearwater en Nouvelle-Écosse, où il travaillera sur les hélicoptères Sea King.

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At press time, The Canadian Forces (CF) planned to conduct a satellite video transmission of the close-out ceremony from the Golan Heights as Canada reduces its contribution to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) mission on March 24, from 191 personnel to two.

Canadians have served with Op DANACA - the CF contribution to UNDOF - since 1974.

The senior military representative at the ceremony will be Major-General Michel Gauthier, Commander of Canadian Expeditionary Force Command. He will join Lieutenant-Colonel Sylvain Mongeon, the outgoing Canadian Task Force Commander for Operation DANACA, and the UNDOF Force Commander, Major-General Bala Nada Sharma of Nepal. The Canadian contingent is being replaced by troops from India.

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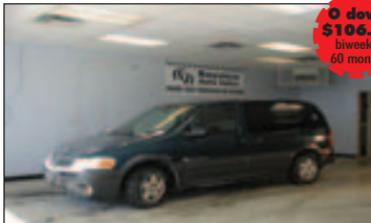
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Allocution du Premier ministre aux Forces canadiennes en Afghanistan

le 13 mars 2006
Kandahar, Afghanistan

Merci de votre accueil chaleureux. Je suis très heureux de me retrouver aujourd'hui parmi vous.

Je suis très fier de pouvoir rencontrer les membres de nos Forces armées qui participent à cette mission fondamentale. Je veux d'abord vous dire à quel point je suis fier du travail que vous faites.

Vous risquez votre vie pour :

défendre nos intérêts nationaux; protéger le Canada et le monde contre le terrorisme; et aider le peuple afghan à reconstruire son pays.

Je vous remercie. Les Canadiens et les Canadiennes vous remercient. Le peuple afghan vous remercie.

L'intérêt national du Canada

Votre travail est important puisqu'il est dans notre intérêt national que l'Afghanistan devienne un pays libre, démocratique et paisible.

Avant d'être affranchi du régime des talibans, l'Afghanistan a souvent servi d'incubateur pour Al-Qaïda et d'autres organisations terroristes. Cette réalité nous a touchés de façon tragique le 11 septembre

lorsque deux douzaines de Canadiens ont perdu la vie - soudainement et gratuitement - dans la destruction du World Trade Center.

Il s'agissait de Canadiens ordinaires - des gens qui avaient des familles, des partenaires et des enfants, et qui rêvaient d'un avenir meilleur, comme l'ensemble des Canadiens et des Canadiennes - des gens qui sont morts soudainement et sans raison aux mains de fanatiques.

Depuis, Al-Qaïda a fait du Canada une cible pour des attaques terroristes.

Et au-delà de la menace du terrorisme plane la

menace des drogues.

Un Afghanistan instable représente une proie facile pour les barons de la drogue qui le verraient comme une zone protégée pour produire de l'héroïne, substance qui fait ses propres ravages dans nos rues.

Le Canada est un grand pays, mais pas une île. Les événements qui surviennent dans des endroits comme l'Afghanistan nous concernent et présentent une menace pour nous tous au Canada.

Tradition canadienne de leadership

Votre travail n'est pas seulement de défendre les

intérêts du Canada. Il consiste aussi à renforcer le leadership international du Canada et à prendre position dans les dossiers importants au lieu de simplement critiquer de l'extérieur.

On ne peut pas mener de l'extérieur. Je veux que le Canada soit un chef de file. Et je sais que vous voulez être au service d'un pays qui mène, pas d'un pays qui se contente de suivre. Et c'est exactement ce que vous faites : vous participez à une opération de sécurité de l'ONU dirigée par le Canada et qui respecte vraiment trois traditions canadiennes, c'est-à-dire : faire preuve de leadership

dans les dossiers mondiaux; intervenir; faire le bien lorsque c'est nécessaire.

Mission humanitaire

Finalement, il faut souligner le travail humanitaire remarquable que vous faites. Vous collaborez avec le peuple et le gouvernement d'Afghanistan afin d'accroître la sécurité des Afghans, de les aider à rebâtir leur pays et de leur assurer, ainsi qu'à leurs enfants, une meilleure qualité de vie.

Bien du travail a déjà été accompli. La reconstruction contribue à réduire la pauvreté. Des millions de personnes peuvent maintenant voter. Les femmes jouissent de plus de droits et de possibilités économiques qu'on aurait pu imaginer sous le régime des talibans. Les enfants afghans sont retournés à l'école pour apprendre la même chose que les enfants canadiens.

Ces causes représentent d'importantes victoires pour le peuple afghan et méritent qu'on les défende.

Défense des valeurs canadiennes

Bien entendu, il n'est peut-être pas toujours facile de promouvoir ces valeurs canadiennes fondamentales. Ce n'est jamais facile pour les hommes et les femmes qui se trouvent sur la ligne de front. Et il y a peut-être des gens qui ont envie de tout laisser tomber et de prendre leurs jambes à leur cou.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can stabilize your position and work through some details on the 26th. Progress will be yours if you are smart with the way you handle your money. Make a commitment to a creative project you want to pursue. Deception is prominent in your chart on the 27th and 28th. If you feel the least bit suspicious, don't make a comment or decision. Everyone will look to you for answers on the 29th and 30th. Keep it simple and to the point and you will make a good impression. Socializing with friends or colleagues on the 31st and 1st will pay off. You can benefit from helping others, so don't hesitate to offer your services.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Problems with an older relative may burden you on the 26th. Someone you thought you could trust is probably leading you on or astray. Use your better judgment -- if something sounds too good to be true it probably is. You can write your own ticket on the 27th and 28th if you go about things diplomatically. Deal with matters that involve institutions and you will get results. A change at home will be to your benefit. Someone you deal with on the 29th and 30th will exaggerate. Don't believe everything you hear. Ask for favors that will allow you to do your own thing. It's best to let everyone else do the talking on the 31st and 1st while you size up the situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't count on getting help. If you strive for too much, too soon you will fall short of your goals on the 26th. You must be careful on the 27th and 28th not to become so exuberant that you lead someone down a path with no ending. A relationship problem may get out hand if you are too aggressive. Your timing may be a little off on the 29th and 30th, making this an awkward time to present, promote or even discuss your plans. Make sure everything is exactly as you want it before you proceed. Speak up if you think you are being taken advantage of on the 31st and 1st. You can't be the workhorse for a bunch of people who are not appreciative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can expect a little extra cash or a gift to come your way on the 26th. You have everyone in your corner on the 27th and 28th so don't hesitate now when you can gain the most. Plan a social gathering to celebrate your victory. Rise to whatever set of circumstances you face on the 29th and 30th and you will come out on top. You will be able to find solutions and convince others that you are correct. You'll be a mastermind at making improvements. You can also work on your own image on the 31st and 1st -- you'll get compliments that will make you blush. Visual effects can be achieved personally and professionally.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Memories will make you want to visit people or places from your past on the 26th but expect someone you used to know to exaggerate about his or her life. You've got everything and everyone in place on the 27th and 28th, so what are you waiting for. Seize the moment and go after what you want. Forge into the future with optimism. Stick to your original plans on the 29th and 30th. Once you start jumping back and forth, you can be sure to miss something important. Take a trip, socialize with friends or pursue a new love on the 31st and 1st. All will turn out well. Talk about your ideas with someone who can help you or at least contribute to your plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may feel drawn to someone who is trying to use you on the 26th. Ask a trusted friend for help handling this situation. Don't take anything for granted on the 27th and 28th. When you least expect it, someone will pull a fast one and leave you to pick up the pieces. It's vital that you speak up and correct whatever you feel is wrong. Anger or criticism will get you nowhere. Refrain from wasting time trying to perfect everyone around you on the 29th and 30th. Resentment is likely to develop, leaving you in a precarious position. You've got that extra drive to see matters through to the end on the 31st and 1st. A sudden partnership change may surprise you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A look at different locations and opportunities may set the stage for a move on the 26th. Take advantage of a creative opportunity. Love is in a high cycle. You can make some significant headway in your professional goals on the 27th and 28th. An innovative approach to something you've been doing will bring new life and meaning to your work. Luck is with you on the 29th and 30th as long as you stick to your standards, morals and ethics. Your creative genius will allow you to work wonders in any competitive situation. Focus on fun, being the best you can be and pampering yourself on the 31st and 1st. You will be the focal point of whatever you get involved in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Spend time with people who are enthusiastic about the same things you are. Love is prominent on the 26th but you must be true to yourself. Aggressive action will pay off on the 27th and 28th. Don't take no for an answer and, if you have to do the work yourself, do so. Make changes and choose alternative routes that are good for you. Someone you live with or are close to will not be totally honest with you on the 29th and 30th. Don't get angry but do get to the bottom of the situation. Do whatever you can over the phone or e-mail on the 31st and 1st. Taking a trip will lead to complications, delays and mishaps. Keep emotional and business matters separate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You won't be able to please everyone on the 26th. You should consider partnering with someone who is trying to do something similar to you professionally. You can make a financial move that will ensure future profits on the 27th and 28th. Don't worry too much about what others do or say. It's up to you to set your own goals and standards and live by them. Don't give in to someone's complaints on the 29th and 30th. Size up the situation and make a decision based on fair play. Don't let anger ruin your plans on the 31st and 1st. Now is not the time to pontificate about your know-how and expertise. Exaggeration will lead to more trouble.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stay out of trouble by avoiding any kind of family feud or controversial topic on the 26th. Think outside the box on the 27th and 28th and you will dazzle the people you work with. Money can be made, jobs changed and opportunities taken advantage of if you are quick to react to a proposal or offer. You may be given an ultimatum on the 29th and 30th but that doesn't mean you have to take it. Finish what you start and keep your business and personal life separate. A chance to upgrade your home or to do something nice for family on the 31st and 1st will pay off. Opening your doors to friends and relatives will be entertaining and give you a chance to make an impression.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be eager to get out and make yourself heard on the 26th. Don't promise what you can't deliver. You may be vulnerable to someone's attention or compliments on the 27th and 28th. Keep your wits about you and don't succumb to someone promising you the world. Size the situation up and make demands or move on. Someone you are close to may question whether or not you are being honest on the 29th and 30th. Try to keep things in the open. It may be time to consider making a long distance move. Check out the benefits. Get things back on track in your personal life, make special plans on the 31st and 1st.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Not everyone will be open with you on the 26th. You may be wrong so before you make a decision reevaluate the situation. The truth will be discovered on the 27th and 28th and, if you have been embellishing, you can expect to have to 'fess up. Put these problems behind you and move on. You can make headway if you are prepared to promote an idea you have on the 29th and 30th. Money is coming your way but not from a source you expect. Be careful what you wish for -- it's likely to backfire. Focus on friends, family and lending a helping hand on the 31st and 1st. Let go of any resentment you've been harboring and make amends.

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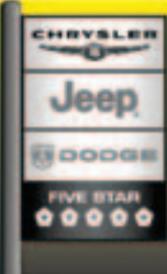
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