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## **Parliamentary Secretary Deepak Obhrai expresses condolences to Cambodia and New Zealand for their tragedies**

**(OTTAWA, November 24, 2010)** Deepak Obhrai, M.P. and Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, today made the following statement in the House of Commons:

“Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Government of Canada I wish to express my deepest condolences to the government and the people of Cambodia in the aftermath of Monday's devastating stampede in Phnom Penh. Cambodians were celebrating the final day of their National Water Festival when the tragedy struck, resulting in over 450 deaths with hundreds more injured. We also wish a speedy recovery for those injured.

I also wish to express our deepest condolences and sympathies to the Government of New Zealand for the deaths resulted from the mining explosion. I would like to extend our sympathies to the families and friends of those who were killed. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time.”

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