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From the Desk of the Executive Director

On Monday, 3 November, Canada's CF-18s conducted their **first combat strike** since joining the fight against ISIL on October 30, dropping laser guided bombs in the vicinity of Fallujah. The Canadian contribution, dubbed Operation IMPACT, consists of a deployed task force integrated into Coalition operations in Irak for six months. The Canadian Task Force includes 6 CF-188 Hornet Fighter Aircraft, one CC-150T Polaris aerial refueller, two CP-140 Aurora surveillance aircraft and up to 600 personnel, including aircrew and support elements, such as command and control, medical personnel and logistics.

The Air Task Force operates under three distinct lines of operations, coordinated by

the appropriate coalition headquarters. Le Polaris appui les actifs aériens de la coalition dans la région par le biais d'un ravitaillement aérien. Les Aurora effectuent des missions de renseignement, de surveillance et de reconnaissance en fonction de secteurs d'intérêt identifiés et prédéterminés. The Hornets conduct bombing missions using primarily precision guided munitions. These missions are constantly validated through a rigorous targeting process and authorized by the Canadian national chain of command and operate under Canadian rules of engagement.

I am honoured to share with you the powerful statement of **Corporal Branden Stevenson**, who stood on guard alongside Cpl. Nathan Cirillo at the National War Memorial on October 22: <http://www.macleans.ca/news/canada/for-the-record-cpl-branden-stevensons-full-statement/>

On November 1st, the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) marked the anniversary of the **Battle of Coronel**, which saw the first Canadian military casualties of the First World War, and the first ever in the history of the RCN.

The CDA Institute is pleased to bring you updates on the **Never Forgotten National Memorial**: the project is progressing well and is expected to be unveiled Summer 2017. For more information or to donate, please see the website: <http://www.nfnm.ca/>

EVENTS

The CDA Institute's **Vimy Gala Reception & Dinner** is fast approaching, and will be held on Friday, 7 November 2014 at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. The dinner will honour the recipient of the Vimy Award, **Hon Col Blake Goldring**. The event is almost sold-out. For last minute seat purchase, contact us by [email](#) or call 613-236-9903.

The **Ottawa Conference on Security and Defence** will be held Thursday February 19th and Friday February 20th, 2015 at the Fairmont Château Laurier Hotel in Ottawa, Ontario. A draft agenda and registration will soon be available on our webpage.

On 4 November, the CDA Institute Executive Vice-President Ferry de Kerckhove will be speaking on "**Canadian Foreign Policy - The Hits and the Misses**" at the University Club of Montreal.

The Canadian International Council is holding a conference on November 25th, on "**Power Shifts & Vibrant Economies: Canada Awakens to the Opportunities and Risks in Southeast Asia.**" A draft program and link for registration are available [here](#).

University of Ottawa's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs invites you to a panel discussion on December 4th entitled, "**The United Nations and**

Canada - Can We Do Better?" To RSVP, contact dgutierr@uottawa.ca by November 28th.

MEDIA

The ongoing air campaign against ISIS and the recent attacks against military members in Canada, resulting in the tragic loss of two honourable men, have confronted Canadians with many difficult questions about the security and defence of the country.

Board member **Colonel George Petrolekas** fielded two interviews from *Global News* about the [ongoing battle](#) for the Syrian city of Kobani and the role [foreign intervention](#) needs to play in stopping ISIS militants. He authored his own piece on the topic; "The Danger ISIS Represents" published by [The National Interest](#) and appeared on [CBC's The Current](#) to talk about Canada's political stakes. In discussing Canada's role in Iraq and Syria, Petrolekas was quoted by [Yahoo Canada News](#) and [The Star](#). After the shocking events in Ottawa, Petrolekas offered important perspectives on the shooting in an interview with [KPCW Radio](#) and [NPR](#) and in an article authored by himself for the [Globe and Mail](#). He further discussed the issue of Forces members being asked not to wear their uniforms on [CBC's As It Happens](#).

CDA Institute Senior Analyst **David Perry** has become a referenced authority on the subject of Canadian defence budgeting for [Macleans](#) and the [NATO Council of Canada](#), and his article "Renewing the Canada First Defence Strategy" has been featured in [Naval Review](#). Perry also interviewed with [CTV News](#) about the commitment of Canadian aircrafts to the Middle East. With a greater public call for defence, Perry provided reflection on the severe government [underspending](#) and cost cuts plaguing the Canadian defence sphere.

Board member **Dr. Ian Brodie** contributed an article to the [National Post](#) following the shooting in Ottawa, which advocated for improved security to keep Parliament Hill both safe and accessible to the public. Executive Vice-President **Ferry de Kerckhove** spoke to [NPR](#) and [BBC Radio](#) also on the topic of the Ottawa attacks as well as appearing on BBC TV and TVA.

And yours truly appeared multiple times on [CTV](#), most recently addressing the topics of [Canadian jets](#) being sent to participate in a [bombing campaign](#) against ISIS. I also appeared on NBC Los Angeles and CBS Los Angeles editions and was quoted by the [The Toronto Star](#) on the subject of the Ottawa attacks.

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CDA Institute Call for Nominations The 2014 Ross Munro Media Award

The Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDA Institute), in partnership with the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute (CDFAI) invite nominations for the **2014 Ross Munro Media Award** (RMMA).

Initiated in 2002 to recognize Canadian journalists who have made a significant and extraordinary contribution to increasing public understanding of security and defence issues of importance to Canada and Canadians, the RMMA commemorates Ross Munro, the celebrated Canadian war correspondent who reported on the Second World War in Europe. Recipients of the award will have produced outstanding work regarding security and defence and the role of the Canadian Armed Forces at home and abroad. The award consists of a statuette in the likeness of Ross Munro and \$2,500

For more information, as well as guidelines and selection criteria, please see our [website](http://www.cdainstitute.ca/en/awards/ross-munro-media-award) or copy-paste the following link: <http://www.cdainstitute.ca/en/awards/ross-munro-media-award>

The Conference of Defence Associations (CDA) Extends Heartfelt Condolences for the Loss of Two Members of the Canadian Armed Forces

Ottawa, 24 October 2014. The tragic loss of two of their own, this week, is a stark reminder of the dangers faced by all members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). The CDA and the CDA Institute wish to extend sincere condolences to the families and friends of Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Corporal Nathan Cirillo, and reiterate to all members of the CAF their continuing and unwavering solidarity.

To the second soldier who was with Warrant Officer Vincent and who suffered less serious injuries, we wish a speedy and full recovery.

We have a proud heritage of respect for those who serve our great nation in order to help preserve the freedom and quality of life we all enjoy. To honour them, we must remain vigilant and maintain our resolve.

La Conférence des Associations de la Défense (CAD) exprime ses très sincères condoléances pour la perte de deux membres des Forces Armées Canadiennes.

Ottawa, 24 octobre 2014. La perte tragique de deux des leurs, cette semaine, est un rappel brutal des dangers et des défis qui guettent tous les membres des Forces armées canadiennes (FAC). La CAD et l'Institut de la CAD désirent

exprimer leurs sincères condoléances aux familles et aux amis de l'Adjudant Patrice Vincent et du Caporal Nathan Cirillo et rappeler aux FAC leur solidarité continue et indéfectible.

Au militaire qui accompagnait l'Adjudant Vincent, nous souhaitons un prompt rétablissement de ses blessures heureusement beaucoup moins graves.

Nous sommes les fiers héritiers du respect accordé à tous ceux qui œuvrent à préserver la liberté et la qualité de vie dont nous bénéficions tous. Honorons-les en demeurant vigilants et constants.

The CDA Urges the Federal Government to Address the Shortfall in the Delivery of Capital Equipment for the CAF

Public Accounts documents show that for the past three years, spending on the Canadian military has declined significantly. In addition to a large reduction in the Defence budget, the Federal Government failed, this past fiscal year alone, to spend \$763 million of the funding allocated to the Department of National Defence (DND).

As a consequence, the National Shipbuilding Program, the CF-18 Replacement Program and the Army's vehicle replacement and Clothe-the-Soldier Programs, among other capital acquisition programs, have been seriously delayed.

In addition to the fact that allocated but unspent funds are losing purchasing power every year due to inflation, a bow wave is being created that will impact on program spending and priorities for several decades to come. Moreover, there continues to be a significant variance between policy framework (promise), planning (program intentions) and implementation (action) for all DND/CAF capital projects which is creating a major slow down in project starts and implementation.

Certains de ces retards sont directement attribuables à un manqué de fonds disponibles/désignés ; certains sont dus au processus et aux difficultés des approvisionnements de la défense dans leur ensemble; et beaucoup d'autres reflètent simplement la décision du gouvernement de ne pas approuver ou autoriser la mise en œuvre des projets ce qui crée un important surplus non dépensé en fin d'année qui est disponible pour "amortir la dette" et restaurer l'équilibre fiscal du Canada.

Maintenant que le gouvernement prend un virage sur la réduction de la dette et atteint l'équilibre budgétaire cette année, une part du surplus attendu doit retourner à la sécurité et à la défense du Canada, enveloppes au poste 5 (dépenses en capital) et au poste 1 (dépenses de fonctionnement), pour couvrir les coûts différentiels des opérations courantes (par ex., déploiement de CF-18 au Koweït et opérations contre ISIS).

Il est de plus demandé aux militaires canadiens de donner plus avec moins. La CAD prie le gouvernement fédéral de s'attaquer en priorité à cette question d'acquisition de biens d'équipement pour le MDN.

Summary of the CDA Institute's 17th Annual Graduate Student Symposium

By Lindsay Coombs

On October 16th and 17th, 2014, the CDA Institute held its 17th annual Graduate Student Symposium at the Royal Military College of Canada (RMCC). For the third consecutive year, the CDA Institute President and former Chief of Defence Staff, Gen Raymond Henault (Ret'd), skilfully hosted the event. The Symposium's central focus revolved around the concept of Canadian Security and Defence Interests, which 18 capable and enthusiastic students referenced in their well-executed presentations.

To read more click [here](#) or copy-paste the following link:

<https://www.cdainstitute.ca/en/blog/entry/17th-annual-graduate-student-symposium>

The Lone Wolf and Lost Dog - Examining Couture-Rouleau and Zehaf-Bibeau and the Lone Wolf Security Phenomenon

By Meaghan Hobman

On October 20th, Martin Couture-Rouleau struck two soldiers with his car in a commercial plaza parking lot in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, killing Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent. On October 22nd, Michael Zehaf-Bibeau drove to the National War Memorial in Ottawa where he shot Corporal Nathan Cirillo and then stormed Parliament's Centre Block and exchanged substantial gunfire. The death of these Canadian soldiers are unquestionably tragic, however, whether they were preventable is a more difficult question.

To read more click [here](#) or copy-paste the following link:

<https://www.cdainstitute.ca/en/blog/entry/the-lone-wolf-and-lost-dog-examining-couture-rouleau-and-zehaf-bibeau-and-the-lone-wolf-security-phenomenon>

Is Turkey Following Pakistan's Path?

By Dr. Chris Kilford

My Pakistani acquaintance, given his country's long border with Afghanistan, was well aware of what it meant to have a failed state next door. I had served for a year in Afghanistan in the Canadian Embassy so I also understood what he was trying to get across by comparing the situation in Syria to that of the Soviet and Taliban periods in Afghanistan.

To read more click [here](#) or copy-paste the following link:

<https://www.cdainstitute.ca/en/blog/entry/chris-kilford-is-turkey-following-pakistan-s-path>

The Beijing Bend: Future Trajectory of Pakistan-China Relations

By Adnan Qaiser

The idiom 'birds of a feather flock together,' makes one wonder about potential commonalities between the Confucius and Indus-Valley Civilizations, to which both China and Pakistan belong. Though both nations have diverse cultures, languages, and ethos, they maintain a robust relationship that has remained locked in the rhetoric of "higher than mountains, deeper than oceans, stronger than steel, dearer than eyesight, and sweeter than honey." To this day, the aforementioned quote remains the geopolitical and geostrategic catchphrase of the region.

To read more click [here](#) or copy-paste the following link:

<https://www.cdainstitute.ca/en/blog/entry/the-beijing-bend-future-trajectory-of-pakistan-china-relations>

Media Round-Up

By Melissa Hawco

Courts, CSIS and Parliament on Terrorist Suspects (The Globe and Mail):

Parliament is suggesting new legislation to expand CSIS's ability to track terrorist suspects in Canada and abroad, and to share that information with allies in The Five Eyes. The proposed amendments are a response to the growing tensions between the courts and CSIS as judges rule to constrain the agency's power in order to protect civil liberties.

The Politics of Defence Spending (NATO Council of Canada): Canada's increased military activity abroad is pushing the Liberals and Conservatives to seriously consider their defence spending strategy, which has been declining despite the Conservatives' historically strong defence budget. If military action is to continue, particularly in the Middle East, then the Canadian government will have to commit more to the defence industry.

Ship Readiness for the RCN (CBC News): The [evaluation](#) is in and it has found that defence budget cuts have significantly restricted the capabilities of the Royal Canadian Navy. Without necessary funding, the Navy has been pushed to find more and more cost effective methods of meeting its responsibilities. The most significant recommendation from the evaluation is simply to prevent any more reductions in ship readiness through budget cuts.

Canadian Special Ops to Purchase Aircrafts (Defence News): Canadian Forces are looking to buy four aircrafts specialized in intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance that would compliment existing military platforms. Recently, there

has been a change in the procurement strategy to purchase through a foreign military sale with the US. Whatever the purchasing avenue, the aircrafts offer notable benefits such as their ability for quicker deployments and intelligence return.

The Balancing Act of Security (The Globe and Mail): The Ottawa shootings rocked Canadians nationwide and shifted public opinion to a security focused perspective. A balance must be struck between the need to respond and protect the public and the protection of civil liberties from reactionary measures. Undoubtedly, the following weeks will hold important discussions on the security situation in Canada and possible preventative measures.

New Meaning to Anti-Terror Bill after Ottawa Shootings (CBC News): A new bill detailing anti-terror measures had already been scheduled for introduction before a gunman struck the capital. After the shooting, the bill has gained new meaning and support from Canadians in its proposal to extend CSIS capabilities to more thoroughly track possible threats and share information with The Five Eyes. However, there are still some reservations about overreacting to terror threats and overstepping civil liberties with the new legislation.

Wreckage of WWII Plane Pulled out of Ontario Lake (Macleans): In a poignant overlap of tragic circumstances, the wreckage of a WWII plane was pulled out of Lake Muskoka on the same day that the fatally shot soldier guarding the War Memorial, Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, had his funeral in Hamilton. The plane was downed in December 1940 when two young airmen named Peter Campbell and Theodore Bates volunteered to search for a missing comrade and perished in a crash caused by terrible weather conditions.

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