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Let Diwali light cast out darkness, Deepak Obhrai tells Parliament

(Ottawa) The Honourable Deepak Obhrai, P.C., M.P., made the following statement today in the House of Commons:

“Yesterday, people across the world celebrated the festival of lights popularly known as Diwali.

Diwali symbolizes the victory of light over darkness. As the Prime Minister said at the 14th national Diwali celebration in Toronto on October 18th: “today many places in the world face darkness and that is precisely why we need to celebrate Diwali. For Diwali reminds us that light always casts out darkness. That truth always dispels ignorance and fear.”

In front of over one thousand people and organized by temples across the GTA, at this year’s 14th national Diwali the Prime Minister and guests lit the Diya to symbolize light over darkness.

On Wednesday, for a brief period, darkness descended on the capital and Parliament. Through the collective role of Canadians the light is shining again.

Mr. Speaker our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent.

I wish everyone a Happy Diwali.”

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