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# Press Release

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## **Parliamentary Secretary Obhrai urges international community to do more to stop unfolding global human tragedies**

(OTTAWA) The Honourable Deepak Obhrai, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and for International Human Rights, today made the following statement in the House of Commons:

“We have recently witnessed horrific tragedies of people fleeing from their homes because of persecution, devastating economic conditions and deteriorating security in their homelands.

We have witnessed these desperate people using any means to seek safe refuge.

To make matters worse, human smugglers exploit these situations with no regard for human life.

The recent deaths of boat migrants from Africa and the plight of Rohingyas from Myanmar are just a few examples of people being exploited.

Mr. Speaker, it is important the international community raise its voice through letting governments, like in Myanmar, be told in no uncertain terms that their treatment of Rohingyas is unacceptable; as well as targeting human smugglers, who must be punished as murderers of innocent people.

Canada is doing its share by offering refugee status to these vulnerable people through the U.N.

Mr. Speaker, we must act before more lives are lost.”

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