



**Master Corporal Kristal Gieselbrecht & Private Andrew Miller**  
**Canadian Forces Medical Technicians**  
Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group

Sadly, Canada once again mourns the tragic loss of two of her Canadian Forces heroes on earlier today, Saturday, June 26, 2010. Master Corporal Kristal Gieselbrecht, 31, and Private Andrew Miller, 21, were Canadian Forces Medical Technicians (Medics) assigned to the RCR Battle Group. Sgt Gieselbrecht and Pte Miller were killed when their vehicle detonated an improvised explosive device (IED), approximately 20km southwest of Kandahar City. The loss of these brave Canadians brings our national sacrifice of Canadian Forces personnel to 150. Additionally, a Canadian Diplomat, a Canadian journalist and two Canadian aid workers have been killed in Afghanistan.

Master Corporal Gieselbrecht and Private Miller served as part of Joint Task Force Afghanistan (JTF - Afg), which is the Canadian Forces (CF) contribution to the international effort in Afghanistan. Its operations focus on working with Afghan authorities to improve security, governance and economic development in Afghanistan. JTF-Afg comprises about 3,500 CF members. Most of them serve at Kandahar Airfield or Camp Nathan Smith, the home of the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Kandahar City. Members of JTF-Afg also work at various military headquarters and support bases in southwest Asia, and with civilian organizations in Afghanistan.

There is no statement By The Minister Of National Defence available at this time.