

Museum honours peacekeeping mission in Cyprus

► New Cyprus exhibit is a permanent addition to the Canadian Experience Gallery 4 — A Violent Peace



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On July 23, 1974, Canadian Airborne Private Michel Plouffe was driving Capt. Normand Blacquiére and several Turkish soldiers along the Green Line during a United Nations peacekeeping mission in Cyprus when they were attacked by a group of Greek combatants.

Blacquiére took a bullet in the leg. Plouffe pulled him out of the line of fire, but while he was performing first aid, a bullet ricocheted off his helmet into his mouth.

He put the bullet in his pocket and continued with first aid until relief troops



► Retired Sgt. Michel Plouffe.

arrived.

After that, Plouffe was sent to hospital and eventually back home at the end of his tour, but for saving Blacquiére's life, was awarded the Star of Courage.

Plouffe's story, his hel-

29 The number of years that Canada was a major contributor of peacekeepers to the mission in Cyprus. Canadians arrived in 1964 and ended their commitment in 1993.

met, the bullet, and his medals, are all now part of the new permanent exhibit that presents Canada's involvement in the United Nations Force in Cyprus at the Canadian War Museum.

Cyprus was the longest traditional peacekeeping mission to which Canada contributed, said Andrew Burtch, post-1945 historian at the Canadian War Museum.

Dance. Turkey



► Dancers Betül Dağlar, Feyzal İnce, Elif Asal, Seher Celtikoglu and Kubra Nur Celtikoglu, left to right, perform a Turkish dance at the Ottawa Police Headquarters yesterday.

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Delight in the Turkish Festival

The Canadian Turkish Heritage Foundation and Ottawa police celebrated the start of the Ottawa Turkish Festival with dancing and the unveiling of a Turkish flag yesterday. Held Saturday and Sunday at Confederation Park, the festival features dance and music performances, water marbling and calligraphy demonstrations and traditional food, including donairs, gozleme, borek, baklava and Turkish delight.

Accused

This is the city's seventh homicide of 2010.

- Tamrat Gebere has been ordered by the judge not to have any contact with an 18-month-old child and another person while in custody.
- His next court appearance is by video remand on Monday.

Death by stabbing

An autopsy has revealed that the victim of Saturday's homicide died as a result of injuries caused by multiple stab wounds, police said yesterday.

Police identified the victim as 32-year-old Aster Kassa of Ottawa after completing notification of next of kin. Her body was found in her Riverside

Drive apartment on Saturday.

Kassa's husband, Tamrat Gebere, 35, was arrested at the scene. He appeared in court Monday to answer to second-degree murder charges.

Police said the couple was separated at the time of Kassa's death.

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