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Press Release

The Buddhist Congress of Canada, together with the community, has organized the following to support the families of the senseless killings of six Sri Lankans on 6th March 2024 in Barrhaven.

1. Coordinated by the temple a GoFundMe platform was set up on 7th March 2024 to raise \$200K to financially support the victims' families both in Canada and in Sri Lanka. Link: <https://gofund.me/123e22dd>
Further, donations could be directly made to Buddhist Congress of Canada (BCC) by way of cash, cheques made out to BCC or by e-transferring money to email: bcc.ottawa@rogers.com with a small note stating that it is for the purpose of the fund. This will be manually added to the GoFundMe platform.
2. The community is invited to participate in the Vigil organized by the Office of Councillor Wilson Lo, Ward 24, Barrhaven East, on 9th March 2024 at 11 a.m. at the Palmadeo Park, Barrhaven, for the victims of the killings: Inuka (7 years), Ranaya (4 years), Ashvini (3 years), Kelly (2 ½ months), Mother of the four children: Dharshini Ekanayake (35 years) and friend of the family Gamini Amarakone (40 years)
3. The temple will make funeral arrangements according to religious rites for victims on the request and advice of the Families once the autopsies are done and bodies are released. The arrangements will be communicated in due course through temple communications.
4. Coordinated by the temple, Community, and the High Commission, will facilitate all arrangements in the event family members of victims decide to arrive in Canada for the funeral.

The Buddhist Congress of Canada looks to your support in its endeavours in support of the families of the victims.

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Resident Monk of HJBM and of BCC