

A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF SOVIET COMMUNISM AND NAZI TYRANNY IN EUROPE



August 18, 2021

TORONTO- August 23, 2021 marks the 82nd anniversary of the signing of the infamous Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact which allowed Hitler and Stalin to carve up Central and Eastern Europe between them and enabled them to coordinate the start of WWII. In Canada, this day is known as Black Ribbon Day, A National Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Nazism and Communism in Europe.

The Central and Eastern European communities invite all Canadians to join the millions of Canadians whose families were victims of Nazi and Soviet tyranny by wearing a black ribbon and joining commemoration events across Canada.

Events will be held on August 22 and 23 in St. John's, Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal, and a video about the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and the events will be produced and published.

“While Western Europe was liberated by the Allied forces in 1945, most of Central and Eastern Europe remained captive behind the Soviet Iron Curtain until the early 1990s,” said CEE President, Marcus Kolga. “Today, the people of Belarus and Russia remain victims and prisoners of their authoritarian rulers and we stand with them today, as we remember the victims, in solidarity and hope that they too will once become free and democratic nations.”

The CEEC represents the interest of 4.5 million Canadians of Central and Eastern European heritage.

Visit [BlackRibbonDay.org](http://BlackRibbonDay.org) for more information.

### Black Ribbon Day Events

Ottawa - Parliament Hill, Center Block Lawn	August 23, 2021, 4pm
Toronto - Nathan Phillips Square Freedom Arches	August 23, 2021, 7pm
Vancouver - Jericho Beach	August 22, 2021, 3pm

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AUGUST 23, 7:00 P M  
FREEDOM ARCHES, NATHAN PHILLIPS SQUARE, TORONTO



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AUGUST 22, 3:00 P M  
JERICHO BEACH, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

