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Black Ribbon Day was formally adopted by Canada’s Parliament as a National Day of Remembrance for the victims of Communism and Nazism in Europe.

The Black Ribbon commemoration recalls the signing of the infamous 1939 alliance between Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia. The Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, also known as the Hitler-Stalin Pact, secretly carved up Central and Eastern Europe. It facilitated the invasion and occupation of Finland, Poland, the Baltic States and many other European nations, thus triggering World War II.

Two dictatorships found a common cause in committing crimes against humanity and imposing worldwide terror and destruction on so many nations.

Millions of Canadian families will not forget the horrors of war and suffering imposed upon their homelands, the same horrendous atrocities, which we are witnessing today in Ukraine. Such bestiality is unbelievable, but true. Our youth are now seeing with their own eyes, what their parents and grandparents lived through during and after World War II.

Putin's Russia is a terrorist state, a revived neo-Soviet rogue regime. Invading its neighbours’ territories, raping and murdering innocent civilians, and kidnapping children, calls for an immediate war crimes tribunal.

The barbaric attack on Ukraine is a war on the Western democracies, a war against us all.

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