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Media advisory: BCFED Day of Mourning ceremony April 28 at BC Legislature

This year's Day of Mourning ceremony, remembering workers killed, injured or made sick by their work, will take place on Tuesday, April 28 on the steps of the BC Legislature from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

The ceremony will include speakers from labour and local government, as well as Avneet and Avnoor Sidhu, daughters of Sarabjit Kaur Sidhu. She was one of three farmworkers killed on March 7, 2007, while being transported to work in an overloaded and poorly maintained passenger van.

For ceremonies in other BC locations, see www.dayofmourning.bc.ca.

Speakers:

Host: Kirk Mercer

President, Victoria Labour Council

Marianne Alto

Mayor of Victoria

Sussanne Skidmore

President, British Columbia Federation of Labour

Avneet Sidhu and Avnoor Sidhu

Laird Cronk
Chair and Public Interest Representative, Workers' Compensation Board

Hon. Jennifer Whiteside
British Columbia Minister of Labour

Hon. David Eby
Premier of British Columbia

Photo/video opportunities:

12:10 pm — The Victoria Firefighters Association (IAFF Local 730) Honour Guard and the Saanich Fire Fighters Association (IAFF Local 967) piper lead speakers to stage

12:15 pm — Speakers begin

12:45 pm — Participants will observe a minute of silence.

1:00 pm (approximately) — A series of signs will line the walkway between the stairs and the Centennial Fountain, bearing the occupation and cause of death of each worker who died because of their work in 2025. A procession of participants will lay flowers at the base of these signs.

Interview availability:

BCFED President Sussanne Skidmore will be available for interviews before and after the ceremony, as will family speakers Avneet Sidhu and Avnoor Sidhu.

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For availability of the other speakers, please contact their offices.

Day of Mourning background: (PDF)