

India's PM will visit memorial to Flight 182

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But Major said there was a lot of pressure to hurriedly settle the claims out of court.

There have long been complaints that some people were left out and others didn't get all that they deserved.

Wednesday's memorial ceremony at the Humber Bay Park East memorial is expected to be attended by India's high commissioner to Canada, S. M. Gavai, and a large number of families of the victims of Flight 182, many of whom are from the Greater Toronto area.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who travels to Toronto for the G20 summit, is also expected to visit the memorial during his weekend visit.

Harper had long taken a particular interest in the tragedy, and is said by those close to him to have met fierce pressure from within the Canadian government, all the way up to the then-Clerk of the Privy Council, Kevin Lynch, resisting any move to call an inquiry.

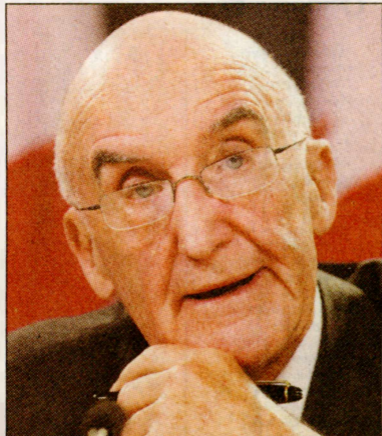
The Major inquiry report was blunt in its assessment of where the fault lay for what the judge called "a Canadian atrocity."

Intelligence turf wars, lax security contributed to attack, inquiry said

"The level of error, incompetence, and inattention which took place before the flight was sadly mirrored in many ways for so many years, in how authorities, governments and institutions dealt with the aftermath of the murder of so many innocents: in the investigation, the legal proceedings, and in providing information, support and comfort to the families," the report said.

Major blamed a turf war between the RCMP and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and glaring lapses in air security for failing to prevent the disaster.

The bomb plot, which saw two bombs loaded onto flights connecting with Air India planes, also killed two baggage handlers at Tokyo's Narita airport.



John Major concluded a "cascading series of errors" failed to prevent the Air India atrocity.