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PRIME MINISTER MOURNS HOLST

Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland spoke these words Thursday, after the death of Foreign Minister Johan Jørgen Holst:

"The sudden death of Foreign Minister Johan Jørgen Holst affects all of us, and fills us with deep sorrow.

With his death, we have lost a man of outstanding ability, a man of great knowledge and profound insight. Norway has lost a foreign minister who was not only highly respected in his own country, but also greatly esteemed by the international community as a whole.

Today my thoughts are primarily with his wife, his children, and the rest of his family.

All of us hoped that he would recover from the stroke he suffered before Christmas. He himself was optimistic about the situation, and determined to regain his health.

Johan Jørgen Holst had a long and active career as a researcher in international politics, as state secretary in the Ministries of Defence and Foreign Affairs, as Minister of Defence, and now most recently as Foreign Minister.

His talents in the field of foreign affairs were fully utilized in the negotiations for peace in the Middle East, in which he played a key role. His name will always be linked with the hope generated by this historic agreement.

Johan Jørgen Holst will be sorely missed, both at home and abroad."