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**CANADA'S DEFENCE MINISTER GOES TO MILITARY BOOT CAMP  
ON *MAKE THE POLITICIAN WORK*  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 13, AT 10:25 P.M. ON CBC-TV**

It's not every day that a Canadian politician is taken to task on the front lines in the very field or industry that he or she leads. Such is the case for The Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence, who undergoes a rigorous military combat boot camp in *Make The Politician Work*. This HD special airs Sunday, Sept. 13, on CBC Television, following CBC News: The National, at 10:25 p.m. (10:55 p.m. NT), and on CBC Newsworld, at 9:25 p.m. ET/PT.

In a unique television experiment, Minister MacKay is plunged into the daily grind of the troops he sends into battle, and put through a gruelling two-day program of army combat training, at the Canadian Forces base in Petawawa, Ont.

With unrestricted access, the filmmakers chronicle and candidly record the training as part of an experiment to test the Minister's mettle and real-life skills. As just another enlisted man starting at the bottom, "Private MacKay" receives no special treatment in his training for battle deployment. Over the course of the training, MacKay is forced into the trenches, takes part in an arduous obstacle course, and experiences a nighttime ambush-and-shooting exercise using live ammunition.

*Make The Politician Work* is produced by Gorilla Media Inc., in association with CBC News and CBC Factual Entertainment. Executive Producers are Sean Connolly, Stuart Coxe and Burak Ozgan.

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