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## UPDATED TRAVEL ADVICE ISSUED TO CANADIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

External Affairs and International Trade Canada today issued updated travel advice to Canadian citizens living in or visiting the Middle East or North Africa. The advice reflects the Department's assessment of uncertain conditions in the Middle East and parts of North Africa.

The travel advice updates one issued on January 10, 1991, and recommends that Canadians living or travelling in certain countries in these regions, who plan to leave, should do so without delay.

The Department is issuing such advice at this time to provide Canadians with the best possible information to help them to decide on their travel plans. Canadians remaining in these countries should keep abreast of events and keep their plans under review.

The countries concerned are Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar, Bahrain, Jordan, the Eastern Province and Central Region of Saudi Arabia, including Riyadh, Yemen, Syria, Eastern Turkey, Israel and the Israeli-occupied territories, as well as Algeria and the Sudan. Residents in and visitors to other countries in the region, in particular Oman, the United Arab Emirates, other areas of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iran, as well as Morocco, Tunisia, Libya and Mauritania, are being advised to exercise additional caution and to keep in close contact with the nearest Canadian embassy.