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**PROMOTING PEACE**

**John Manley tours the Middle East**

In early May, Foreign Affairs Minister John Manley visited the Middle East, going to Egypt, Gaza City, Jordan and Israel. He promoted peace in the region and urged all parties to seek an end to the ongoing violence. "This is a time when there needs to be leadership, there need to be some bold steps," said the Minister. "It would be far preferable to begin talking as a prelude to stopping shooting."

During his tour, he met with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, Prime Minister Atef Ebeid then Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and Minister of Planning and International Co-operation Nabil Sha'ath, Jordan's King Abdullah II and Foreign Minister Abdul Ilah Khatib, and Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

In Amman, Jordan, Minister Manley officially opened the Regional Human Security Centre, to which Canada contributed funding of \$800 000.

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During his visit to Amman, Jordan, Foreign Affairs Minister John Manley, right, is welcomed by Jordanian Foreign Minister Abdul Ilah Khatib.

The Centre is intended to be a focal point for regional dialogue and co-operation on human security issues. It will identify practical solutions to threats to human security, and will enhance awareness of human security issues.

After meeting Chairman Arafat, Mr. Manley made a joint announcement with International Co-operation Minister Maria Minna: Canada will contribute \$5 million to help create jobs and reduce poverty in the West Bank and Gaza. The funds will be provided by the Canadian International Development Agency. ●

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**July 7**

G-8 Finance Ministers' Meeting  
Rome, Italy

**July 18-19**

G-8 Foreign Ministers' Meeting  
Rome, Italy

**July 26-28**

Association of Southeast Asian Nations Ministerial Meeting  
Hanoi, Vietnam

**July 14-24**

IV Francophonie Games  
Ottawa-Hull region, Canada

**July 20-22**

G-8 Summit  
Genoa, Italy

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