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ENQUIRIES ABOUT CANADIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and the Minister for External Relations and International Development, the Honourable Monique Landry, announce the establishment of a 1-800 toll-free telephone number for use by persons in Canada who wish to enquire about the whereabouts and situation of Canadians in the Middle East.

The toll-free number operates 24-hours a day. Consular representatives will assist callers seeking information about Canadians living or travelling in the Middle East by following up on specific requests through Canadian embassies and consulates in the region.

Canadians in countries affected by the Gulf crisis are again encouraged to register with the nearest Canadian diplomatic mission so that consular officials are able to follow up as quickly as possible concerning their status.

Please note this number is not a direct telephone line to the Middle East.

The toll-free number is: 1-800-267-6788.

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