

Canada Deplores Israel's Deportation of PalestiniansDec. 18, 1992, No. 239

The Honourable Barbara McDougall issued a statement from Brussels deploring Israel's deportation of some 400 Palestinians to Lebanon from the Occupied Territories. The Minister was attending meetings of NATO and the North Atlantic Co-operation Council in Brussels. "Such deportations are a violation of international law, specifically the fourth Geneva Convention, which imposes duties on occupying powers," said Mrs. McDougall. "The expulsions and the renewed violence in the Occupied Territories are a setback in the long process of reconciliation between Israel and the Palestinians. Both sides must realize that peaceful negotiations rather than violence are the only avenue toward a just, lasting and comprehensive resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict."

Diplomatic AppointmentsDec. 17, 1992, No. 238

The Honourable Barbara McDougall announced the following diplomatic appointments: Mr. Michael R. Bell, from Montreal, Quebec, as Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands; Mr. Arthur H. Campeau, from Montreal, Quebec, as Ambassador for Environment and Sustainable Development; Mr. Adriaan C. de Hoog, from Brandon, Manitoba, as Consul General in Berlin; Mr. Lawrence T. Dickenson, from London, Ontario, as Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia; Mr. Réjean Frenette, from Quebec City, Quebec, as Ambassador to the Republic of Zaire with concurrent accreditation to the Republic of Burundi, the People's Republic of the Congo and the Rwandese Republic; Ms. Camille Guilbault, from Buckingham, Quebec, as Commissioner General for the Canadian Section Expo' 93, Taejon, Korea; Mr. Andrew M. Robinson, from Peterborough, Ontario, as Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; Mr. David M. Stockwell, from Montreal, Quebec, as Ambassador to Ethiopia with concurrent accreditation to the Republic of Djibouti and the Republic of The Sudan; Mrs. Mary Vandenhoff, from Stonewall, Manitoba, as Consul General in Sao Paulo.

Canada Expresses Concern About Human Rights Situation in CubaDec. 17, 1992, No. 237

The Honourable Barbara McDougall expressed her disappointment about recent developments in the human rights situation in Cuba. "Canadians are deeply troubled by the attack last week on Mr. Elizardo Sanchez, the President of the Cuban Commission for Human Rights and National Reconciliation," said Mrs. McDougall. "I call upon the Cuban authorities to stop the harassment of dissidents."

New Passport Office to Open in BramptonDec. 17, 1992, No. 236

The Member of Parliament for Brampton and Minister of State (Finance and Privatization), the Honourable John McDermid, today announced, on behalf of the Honourable Barbara McDougall, plans to open a new regional passport office in Brampton, Ontario. "The demand for passports increases annually as more Canadians travel abroad. The decision to open this office will better serve the people in the Brampton area and will contribute to our security objective of encouraging personal appearance during the application process," said Mrs. McDougall.

***Upcoming Events:***

January 1993:	Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Meeting (Ottawa)
January 4, 1993:	GATT Talks resume (Geneva)
February 1993:	Meeting of the Working Group on Refugees (Oslo)
June 14-25, 1993:	World Conference on Human Rights (Vienna)