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MURDER OF TWO ISRAELI YOUTHS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today expressed his horror over the brutal murder of two young Israeli men, whose bodies have been discovered in the Israeli occupied territories.

"These brutal murders shock and horrify all Canadians," Mr. Clark said. "This and the inter-communal violence which followed give us the deepest concern for the future peace of the Holy Land."

Mr. Clark noted that these events, which he called "another bitter human tragedy", underline the importance of giving new impetus to efforts to arrive at a peaceful settlement of the Palestinian question. He condemned the recourse to terror and called on all involved, whether individuals, governments, or organizations, to remain calm and to refrain from actions which might further imperil the existing dangerous situation in the Middle East.

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