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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WELCOMES  
THE RELEASE OF A CANADIAN IN EL SALVADOR

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark welcomed the news this afternoon of the release in San Salvador of the Reverend Brian Rude, the Canadian Lutheran Church Minister, who has been serving in El Salvador. Reverend Rude was arrested yesterday by Salvadoran police, along with a number of other Church officials and relief workers.

Following talks throughout the morning, Canadian consular officials secured Reverend Rude's release. Mr. Clark expressed his deep concern about the Church workers still in detention. "I call on the government of El Salvador to ensure the safety and integrity of those engaged in humanitarian work," stated Mr. Clark. "The work of church and social workers is extremely important at this time of crisis and great need in El Salvador".

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