

In view of the unstable situation, Canadian tourists, business and other travellers should avoid or postpone all travel to the Eastern province of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar unless they have compelling reasons for undertaking such travel at this time. Canadians employed in any of these countries and currently on leave should consider remaining outside the region for the present unless they consider their return essential.

Similarly, External Affairs and International Trade Canada continues to recommend that dependents and non-essential staff in the same area (Eastern province of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar) should consider leaving the area until conditions improve. In addition, Canadians contemplating travel elsewhere in the Middle East area advised to exercise appropriate caution and prudence.

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