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SAUDI ARABIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet has announced that the Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, His Royal Highness Prince Saud Al-Faisal, is paying an official visit to Canada today, October 4.

In addition to meeting with Mr. Ouellet, Prince Saud is expected to pay a courtesy call on Prime Minister Jean Chrétien. He will also meet with International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren to discuss bilateral trade and investment relations.

Mr. Ouellet and Prince Saud are expected to discuss general bilateral relations and areas of mutual interest, particularly the situation in the former Yugoslavia, and their recent participation in the United Nations General Assembly. An active player in the Middle East peace process, Saudi Arabia is a member of the Middle East Refugee Working Group, which is chaired by Canada.

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