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CANADA PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF ATTACK ON SREBRENICA

Canada today announced, in response to the attack by Bosnian Serb forces on the Srebrenica safe area, a \$1-million contribution for emergency assistance to the victims of the attack. The announcement was made by Defence Minister David Collenette, on behalf of the Government.

According to humanitarian agencies, some 40 000 people have fled Srebrenica since yesterday. They have headed for a United Nations Protection Force base north of the safe area and to the Tuzla safe area.

The contribution from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Committee of the Red Cross will be used to provide food, drinking water and medication to the refugees.

The financing for this initiative was included in the February 1995 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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