

Although the situation in the region continues to be unstable, External Affairs advises that Canadians contemplating travel to the Gulf region for business purposes should not be deterred from making essential trips. However, Canadian tourists should avoid or postpone travel to Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia. The Department's advice respecting dependants of Canadians employed in Qatar, Bahrain and the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia is unchanged: they should consider leaving the area or, if now outside the area, should consider deferring their return. However the Department is no longer advising dependants of Canadian personnel stationed in the UAE against returning if they choose to do so.

Canadians contemplating travel to Yemen for other than business purposes are advised to consider postponing such travel. Canadians contemplating travel elsewhere in the Middle East are advised to stay abreast of current events and to keep in touch with the nearest Canadian Embassy.

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