

The Minister added, "Over the next two days, our discussions will focus on recent developments in trade relations between Canada and Saudi Arabia. Committees will focus on matters of mutual interest in telecommunications, mining, mapping, surveying, remote sensing, transportation, education, training and health care services." (Attached is a list of Canadian and Saudi members of the Business Advisory Group who will meet with the Minister.)

Traditionally, Saudi Arabia has been one of Canada's most dynamic trading partners in the Middle East. Bilateral trade between Canada and Saudi Arabia totalled more than \$1.1 billion in 1990. Canada exported goods worth \$273 million last year. Main exports were barley, paper, lumber, telecommunications products and electrical components. Canada also supplied services estimated at more than \$200 million. In the same year, imports -- mostly crude oil -- were the highest since 1982, up some 250 per cent at \$634 million.

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