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## OUELLET CONDEMNS BOSNIAN SERB ACTIONS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today condemned the shelling of safe areas by Bosnian Serb forces in Bosnia which has led to the deaths of innocent civilians. He also expressed grave concern about the holding, by Serb forces, of United Nations Military Observers, including Canadians.

"I speak for all Canadians in expressing outrage at the detention of UN personnel in Bosnia and deep concern about their safety. I call upon Bosnian Serb forces to release these people, whose only reason for being there is to seek a peaceful solution to the tragic conflict," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister noted that the Bosnian Serb actions are in flagrant violation of UN Security Council resolutions and an affront to the international community. He reaffirmed Canada's continued support for the United Nations' efforts in Bosnia, as well as for NATO air strikes in response to Serb violations of UN resolutions.

Mr. Ouellet added that Canadian officials are in close contact with the UN, NATO and with UNPROFOR officials on the ground.

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