

2. The following advice applies to Syria, Egypt, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia (other than the Eastern Province and Central Region, including Riyadh area), Israel and the Israeli-occupied territories, Oman and Yemen:

Canadians resident in or contemplating travel to this region should be alert to the possibility of unrest including risk to foreigners in relation to developments in the Middle East and should be advised to exercise appropriate caution and prudence. Such Canadians are advised to register with the nearest Canadian Embassy on arrival. Canadians already registered should keep the embassy advised of changes in address or holiday plans.

3. This advice is based on current expectations concerning the possible situation in early January. It does not reflect a belief that the situation has deteriorated in the last few days. Future travel should be based on ongoing assessments of the situation in the Middle East. Canadians contemplating travel to destinations in the Middle East in the future should check with Canadian missions or the Department again closer to their departure date.

4. While the Government of Canada is providing advice in this respect, it is the responsibility of individual Canadians to make their own decisions and arrangements after consideration of all factors affecting their individual situations.