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## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND THE GULF WAR

External Affairs and International Trade Canada today issued a reminder to Canadian citizens living in or visiting areas affected by the war in the Gulf. This advice reflects the Department's latest assessment of evolving conditions in the Middle East and other regions, and is issued to provide Canadians with the best possible information to help them decide on their travel or departure plans.

The Department reiterates previous travel warnings and wishes to alert Canadians to repeated Iraqi threats to use chemical warfare in the present hostilities. While Canada does not have gas masks that fit children, the Canadian adult population in the Eastern Province and Central Region of Saudi Arabia has been provided with masks. Therefore, Canada reminds its citizens that they should seriously consider the departure of dependants and non-essential persons from the area. Canadians normally resident in, or contemplating business travel to, the area are strongly advised to delay their travel plans.

The attached annex summarizes the travel advice Canada has been issuing to its nationals in the Middle East and North Africa, as well as in Mauritania, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

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