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CANADA CONDEMNS VIOLENCE IN ISRAEL

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today condemned, and expressed his deep sadness at, the brutal attack that killed 19 Israelis at Netanya on January 22, 1995. The Minister has sent a message of sympathy to his counterpart, Mr. Shimon Peres, for the Israeli government and the families of the victims.

"Canadians were shaken by the loss of these young lives. To the people of Israel as a whole, we address a message of solidarity at this time of trial. Canada is committed to working toward a Middle East where tragedies of this kind will no longer occur," declared Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister welcomed the resolve of the Israeli government, which has confirmed its intention of going on with peace negotiations. "The peace process must not be given up to fanatics who are attempting to destroy it by spreading death and hatred. I am grateful for the political vision of Mr. Rabin and Mr. Peres, whose determination to search for peace is more crucial than ever," he said.

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