In issuing this consular advice, the Department notes that similar advice is being given by other countries, reflecting their respective assessments of the degree of risk in various countries and the number and situation of their nationals. There are up to 19,400 Canadian nationals in the countries affected by this travel advice.

Lebanon and Somalia are not included in the present notice since standing travel advice already exists advising Canadians not to visit these areas.

The full text of this updated travel advice is attached.

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