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OUELLET DENOUNCES THIS MORNING'S TERRORIST ATTACK IN TEL AVIV

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet expressed his indignation over the savage attack this morning against the passengers on a bus in Tel Aviv, and his sympathy for the victims' families.

"Canadians are mourning these innocent victims who were attacked in a cowardly manner by the enemies of peace. With peace having just been concluded between Israel and Jordan, and with the announcement of the resumption of Israeli-Palestinian talks, this attack bears witness to the fury of those who continue to traffic in hatred. The contempt provoked by their disgusting cowardice should rally people of good will everywhere. When violence breaks out we are all victims, and we must respond together against its perpetrators," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister expressed his solidarity with the political officials who are steering the peace negotiations through enormous obstacles. "Their dedication to peace honours the memory of the victims, and it alone can lead to a new Middle East where such tragedies no longer occur," he said.

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