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## CANADA DEPLORES VIOLENCE IN THAILAND

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today deplored the violence in Bangkok, which has resulted in avoidable deaths and injuries. She called upon the Thai authorities not to use unnecessary force and for all parties to exercise restraint.

"Canada supports the movement towards increased democratization in Thailand," she said, adding, "Human rights and democratic development are essential to maintain internal stability and good government in Thailand."

External Affairs and International Trade Canada officials indicate that all Canadians in Thailand are believed to be safe. Canadians are advised to delay all non-essential travel to Thailand for a few days, until a further reassessment of the situation is available.

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