

Current Canadian Position

The Government of Canada has had very limited relations with Libya since the 1970s. The Government has not opened an embassy in Tripoli, has not accepted Libyan ambassadorial representation in Ottawa, and restricts the entry of Libyan students into Canada. In January 1986, further restrictions were applied to commercial relations with Libya.

The Government gave guarded approval to the 13 April 1986 US military strike against terrorist facilities in Libya prompting considerable debate in the House of Commons. Although Canadians living in Libya appeared to be in no immediate danger of retaliation, the Government advised them to leave the country and maintained contingency plans for their evacuation.

Parliamentary Comment

The question of Libyan activities was not raised in the House of Commons.

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