

Canada deplores increasing violence in eastern Ghouta, Syria

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The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, today issued the following statement:

“Canada strongly condemns the increasing and deliberate attacks against innocent girls, boys, women and men in eastern Ghouta. This deliberate targeting of civilians, medical professionals, first responders and humanitarian workers is shocking. The Assad regime, backed by its allies, Russia and Iran, is responsible for these crimes against humanity.

“Canada calls for the immediate and full implementation of the UN Security Council’s Resolution 2401 on a humanitarian ceasefire in Syria, including eastern Ghouta. Full, safe and unhindered humanitarian access must be granted.

“An unconditional ceasefire is needed immediately in order to stop the massacre of civilians, and allow for the urgent and unobstructed delivery of humanitarian supplies, and for safe and unhindered medical evacuations.”

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