

Canada condemns attack on Syrian displaced persons camp

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The Honourable Stéphane Dion, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, today issued the following statement on the airstrike on the Kamouna camp for internally displaced people (IDP) in Syria:

“Canada strongly condemns the bombing of the Kamouna IDP camp in the Syrian province of Idlib. The death and destruction is heartbreaking. On behalf of all Canadians, we are deeply saddened by the loss of life and hope for a speedy recovery for those injured.

“If this was a deliberate attack targeting civilians, then it was a war crime and the perpetrators must be held accountable. This incident follows the recent escalation of violence, particularly against hospitals and clinics in Aleppo, and further undermines the efforts of the international community to resolve the conflict peacefully.

“Canada calls on all parties to immediately adhere to the Terms for Cessation of Hostilities in Syria agreement and to return to the negotiating table in good faith. The people of Syria deserve a future that has hope and is free from violence. It is up to the parties to work toward that.”

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