

Canada calls for immediate implementation of ceasefire in Syria

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The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs, today issued the following statement regarding the UNSC resolution on Syria:

“Canada calls for the full implementation of the UNSC’s resolution on a humanitarian ceasefire in Syria, including eastern Ghouta.

“It is vital that all parties respect the ceasefire unconditionally to stop the massacre of civilians and allow the delivery of humanitarian supplies.

“We are very concerned by reports that the ceasefire has been violated less than 48 hours after being agreed upon.

“Canada condemns the approach of the Assad regime and its allies, Russia and Iran. The regime has targeted civilians and public services, such as schools and hospitals, and has used siege and starvation tactics, chemical weapons, and barrel bombs.

“Canada has been providing funding to groups working as first responders in eastern Ghouta, including the White Helmets. We hail the courage of those working to save lives.

“The protection of civilians is an obligation under international humanitarian law.”

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