



***** ACTION ALERT *****

What you can do NOW to help Israel!

Many community members and supporters of Israel have called CIC asking what they can do to help Israel at this important juncture in its history. In response to these calls, we have compiled the following "to do" list. If each of us does just one of the activities on the list, we will collectively have made an impact on how Israel is perceived in Canada.

YOU CAN:

Call Prime Minister Stephen Harper at 613-992-4211 and leave him a message that expresses your gratitude for the principled stance he and his government have taken in recognizing Hezbollah and Hamas (along with their state-sponsors in Syria and Iran) as the aggressors in the current Mid East crisis.

Contact your local Member of Parliament and voice your concern about the situation in Israel. You can remind your M.P. that the safe return of the kidnapped Israeli soldiers, the end to terrorism and the cessation of missile fire against Israel are the prerequisites for resolving the crisis. Your MP's email address can be found by entering your Postal Code on the following website <http://www.parl.gc.ca>.

Check CIC's new CRISIS website for daily updates on the situation in Israel, key messages and current advocacy strategy. <http://www.cicweb.ca/crisis/index.cfm>

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper in support of Israel. These letters can be proactive or in response to biased and unfair coverage.

Call a radio talk show. It is essential that supporters of Israel begin to call into local radio talk shows and deliver pro-Israel messages. Millions of people listen to these shows and form their opinions based on what they hear from the callers.

You can monitor internet websites and inform CIC when you find anti-Israel and anti-Jewish invective. Send the offensive url to cic@cicweb.ca

Volunteer to help your local federation. Federations across the country are engaged in pro-Israel projects and urgently need volunteers. Call them and tell them how you are prepared to help. <http://www.jewishcanada.org/index.html>

Remain optimistic and confident that Israel will overcome this challenge and just as it has overcome other seemingly insurmountable obstacles throughout its short history.