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TASMANIAN BUSHFIRES - MESSAGES FROM  
OVERSEAS

The following messages have been received from the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Lester Pearson and the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tunku Abdul Rahman, expressing sympathy to the victims of the Tasmanian bushfires :-

From Mr. Lester B. Pearson :

"Canadians have been shocked by news of the appalling loss of life and homes by fires in Tasmania. We offer our deepest sympathy to Australians and especially to those in Tasmania most affected by this disaster."

From Tunku Abdul Rahman

"We are grieved to hear of the tragic Tasmania bushfire which had incurred extensive loss of life and property. Please convey my condolence and that of the Government and people of Malaysia to the unfortunate people of Tasmania who have suffered in this tragedy."

Expressions of sympathy have also been received from the Governments of Israel and Portugal.

The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Mr. Bowden, sent a message of sympathy to the Governor of Tasmania yesterday. The British High Commissioner and the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Jay have also sent messages to the Premier of Tasmania.