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Hiebert Pleased with Additional Aid for Iraq

(Ottawa) - Conservative MP Russ Hiebert says he is pleased with the additional \$7 million in emergency aid just announced by the Canadian Government to support efforts to feed and shelter thousands of refugees in northern Iraq.

"This new aid comes just two days after my colleagues and I expressed the need for it. Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird is now in Iraq, touring the same refugee camps we visited this past weekend, and we agree on the urgency of getting aid into the region to assist with a desperate situation," said Mr. Hiebert.

"With winter fast approaching, the need for adequate shelter cannot be understated. Over 1.3 million people have been displaced from their homes in Iraq. Canada's increased aid commitment is an important step towards avoiding a humanitarian disaster," said Mr. Hiebert.

Yesterday, Canada also pledged up to \$15 million in additional funding to help the Kurdish Regional Government address the security situation.

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