

Mr. Omar Alhabra (Mississauga— Erindale, Lib. MP):

Mr. Speaker, while it appears that the Prime Minister's biggest international preoccupation is to avoid questions about his neglect of Kyoto, dozens of innocent civilians are dying on a daily basis in various parts of the world and he is not even flinching.

Women and children are dying in Gaza , students are being bombed in Sri Lanka , villages are being destroyed in Darfur, madness is rampant in Iraq and the Prime Minister has done nothing.

Is this the heavy lifting he wants Canada to perform on the international arena? Where are the so-called principles that he proclaims to champion? Canadians expect their government to promote calm abroad, not to exacerbate division, to facilitate negotiated peaceful resolutions, not to fuel tensions.

Canadians want their government to act for the protection of innocent civilians. I urge the Prime Minister to demonstrate real leadership and to act now.