

Iraq war would violate international law: student

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world community hopes he will see the writing on the wall. If he doesn't, it's very likely that he'll be attacked and he'll lose."

The minister was visiting the school Thursday when he was questioned by students, including twelfth grader Daniel Rosario, who said Mr. McCallum should speak more clearly against a unilateral American-led attack.

"It just seems like a violation of international law," he said.

Adrienne Nolan, also in Grade 12, asked Mr. McCallum if the government was considering other alternatives to



JOHN McCALLUM
War with Iraq still hypothetical.

war. Many civilians, she added later, were killed by bombing during last year's military campaign in Afghanistan.

The minister responded by saying the federal government "ferently" hopes to avoid a war but it's not clear whether Canada will be able to.

Speaking later to the media, Mr. McCallum denied the Canadian military — which contributed ships and aircraft to the 1991 Gulf War against Iraq — is too starved of funds to assume a combat role in a new Iraq conflict. "Yes, we are stretched but we always do what we are asked to do."

Canada's military is respected at NATO meetings, said the MP, acknowledging NATO Secretary General George Robertson wants Canada to spend more on defence.

Mr. McCallum said Canada's role in a war with Iraq has not been decided and he wouldn't comment further. "This is a hypothetical war," the minister said.



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The first step in the Markham North-South Link EA is to undertake a Needs and Justification Study. Following this, a Terms of Reference will be developed to define the scope of the Individual Environmental Assessment process.

The scope and success of this study depends very much on public input and participation. You are invited and encouraged to attend an upcoming Public Consultation Centre to express your views on the needs, problems, issues and potential solutions regarding the Markham North-South link. The first Public Consultation Centre will be held on October 25, 2002, from 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the following location:

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To obtain further information on this study, please visit the "York Rapid Transit Plan (YRTP) Website" on the York Region home page: www.region.york.on.ca/yrtp. If you wish to have your name placed on our mailing list, or to direct questions and comments please contact:

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