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## CANADA DIGEST

### *Environment Week to herald new funds*

OTTAWA — Environment Minister David Anderson will deliver \$145 million in new funding to mark Environment Week but environmentalists are holding their applause. Anderson said yesterday he has a wide range of projects to announce but declined to give details in favour of dishing them out daily. The announcements are unlikely to placate environmentalists frustrated with what they consider ambiguous policies on everything from water exports to climate change. They will be using Environment Week this week to press for clarification of the Canadian position on the Kyoto protocol, which they say remains unclear.

## Charges OK'd in Air India case

By Dene Moore  
Canadian Press

VANCOUVER — Britain has granted a request from the Canadian government to charge convicted bombmaker Inderjit Singh Reyat in the bombing of an Air India flight that killed 329 people.

The Crown expects to lay charges against Reyat before the end of the week, when his 10-year sentence for another bombing expires.

"Mr. Reyat will be charged prior to his release from prison," Crown spokesperson Geoff Gaul said yesterday.

Reyat, who has both British and Canadian citizenship, was extradited from England in 1989 to face trial for a bomb at Tokyo's Narita airport.



REYAT

He was convicted of making the bomb that killed two Japanese baggage handlers an hour before Air India Flight 182 disappeared from radar on June 23, 1985.

Reyat was given a 10-year sentence for manslaughter and was scheduled to be released from a Vancouver-area prison this week.

The bomb at Narita airport was left in luggage destined for a second plane, Air India Flight 301.

Police believe both bombs originated in British Columbia. They blame militant Sikh separatists targeting India's national airline in their fight for a Sikh homeland.

British extradition laws wouldn't allow fresh charges to be filed against Reyat in the Air India bombing without permission from Home Secretary Jack Straw.

A Home Office spokesperson said Straw read voluminous material from Canadian authorities, which was also disclosed to Reyat and his lawyers.

"Mr. Reyat and his solicitors made representations to the Home Secretary on that material," the spokesperson said from England.

Straw also read representations from British MPs and Sikh organizations.

"Once he had made his decision, he wrote a very detailed letter to Mr. Reyat which explained the basis for his decision."

There is no implication of guilt or innocence in the U.K. decision, the spokesperson said.

"All that this means is that he will receive a trial in Canada where the evidence that is now available can be properly and fairly tested."

Reyat can apply to the British High Court for a judicial review of the decision but the Crown intends to proceed with his prosecution in Canada.