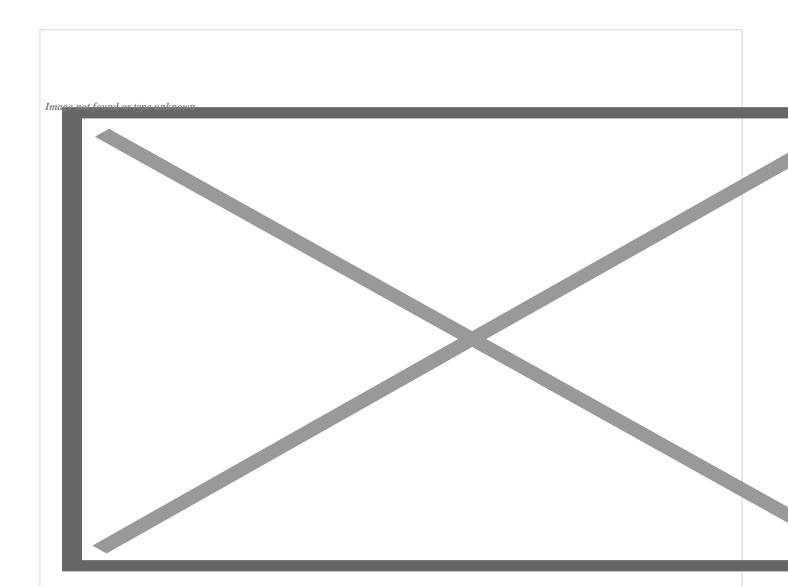# Canadian prime minister invokes emergency powers

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The arrests earlier this week came as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau invoked a national public order emergency that will give him greater powers to quell protests and blockades. The prime minister said: "We are not limiting people's freedom of speech. We are not limiting freedom of peaceful assembly. We

are not preventing people from exercising their right to protest legally. We are reinforcing the principles, values and institutions that keep all Canadians free."

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