

# History of Canada-Iran Relations



Iranian Embassy, Ottawa



Canadian Embassy, Tehran

Formal diplomatic relations between the Government of Canada and Iran were established in 1955, up to which point Canadian consular and commercial affairs in Iran were handled by the British Embassy. Iranian mission established in Ottawa in 1956 (Roosevelt Avenue) and the first Canadian Head of Mission (a WWII veteran from Newfoundland named George B. Summers) dispatched to Tehran in 1959. During the following years, the two countries developed a significant commercial relationship and there were regular contacts at the highest level during those years, including visits to Canada by the Shah in 1965 and 1967, and a visit to Iran by the Governor General in 1971.