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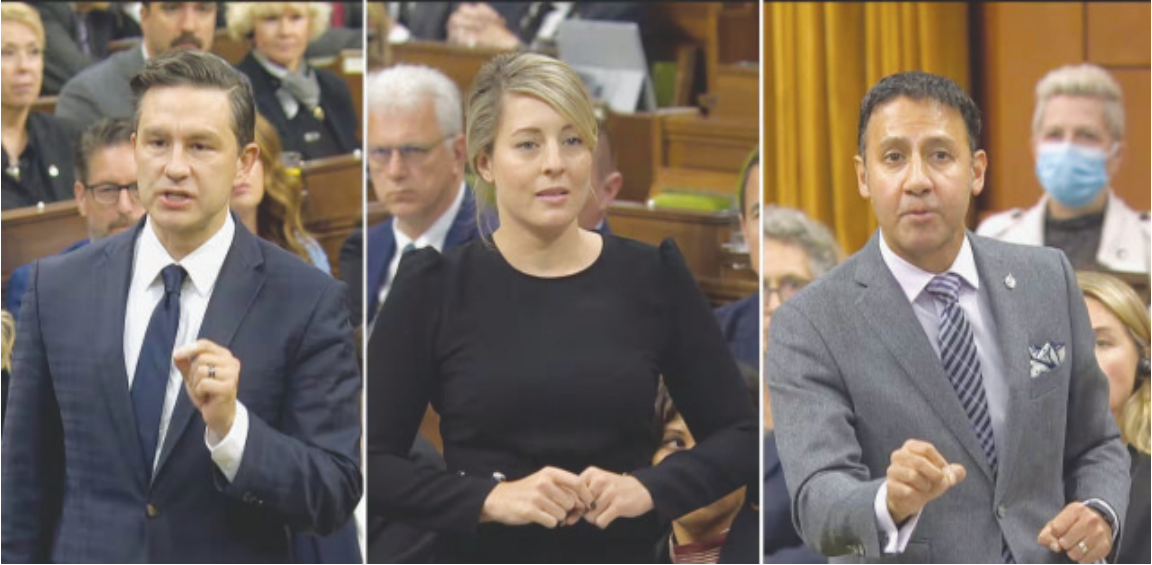
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# ਕੈਨੇਡੀਅਨ ਸੰਸਦ ਚ ਯਹੂਦੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਹਮਾਸ ਮੁੱਦੇ 'ਤੇ ਟਕਰਾਅ

ਓਟਾਵਾ: ਕੈਨੇਡੀਅਨ ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿਚ ਸੋਮਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਉਦੋਂ ਤਣਾਅ ਭਰਪੂਰ ਮਾਹੌਲ ਬਣ ਗਿਆ ਜਦੋਂ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਮੇਲਾਨੀਆ ਜੌਲੀ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਧਿਰ ਦੇ ਆਗੂ ਪੀਅਰੇ ਪੋਲੀਵਰੇ ਯਹੂਦੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਹਮਾਸ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਦੇ 'ਤੇ ਇਕ-ਦੂਜੇ ਨਾਲ ਭਿੜ ਗਏ। ਪੋਲੀਵਰੇ ਨੇ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਮੰਤਰੀ 'ਤੇ ਹਮਾਸ ਹਮਾਇਤੀਆਂ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਨਰਮ ਰਵੱਈਆ ਰੱਖਣ ਦਾ ਦੋਸ਼ ਲਾਇਆ ਤਾਂ ਮੇਲਾਨੀਆ ਜੌਲੀ ਨੂੰ ਗੁੱਸਾ ਆ ਗਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਧਿਰ ਦੇ ਆਗੂ ਨੂੰ ਮੁਆਫ਼ੀ ਮੰਗਣ ਲਈ ਆਖਿਆ।

ਦੂਜੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਸੋਮਵਾਰ ਦੇਰ ਸ਼ਾਮ ਇਕ ਹੋਰ ਸਮਾਗਮ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਜਸਟਿਨ ਟਰੂਡੋ ਅਤੇ ਕੰਜ਼ਰਵੇਟਿਵ ਆਗੂ ਪੀਅਰੇ ਪੋਲੀਵਰੇ ਆਹਮੋ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਹੋ ਗਏ। ਪੀਅਰੇ ਪੋਲੀਵਰੇ ਨੇ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਵਿਚ ਯਹੂਦੀਆਂ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਪੈਦਾ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਮਾਹੌਲ ਲਈ ਲਿਬਰਲ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਠਹਿਰਾਇਆ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਲਿਬਰਲ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦੀ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ ਨਸਲਵਾਦ 'ਤੇ ਆਧਾਰਤ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਨਫ਼ਰਤ ਤੋਂ ਸਿਵਾਏ ਕੁਝ ਪੈਦਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦੀ। ਟੋਰੀ ਆਗੂ ਨੇ ਬਿਰਜੂ ਦਾਤਾਨੀ ਨੂੰ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦਾ ਮੁਖੀ ਥਾਪਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਸਾਲ ਵੀ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਸਮਾਂ ਆ



ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਬਦਲ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਅੱਗੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਕੰਜ਼ਰਵੇਟਿਵ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਆਉਣ 'ਤੇ ਫਲਸਤੀਨੀ ਰਫ਼ਿਊਜ਼ੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਕੰਮ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਸੰਯੁਕਤ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰ ਦੀ ਇਕਾਈ ਨੂੰ ਫੰਡਿੰਗ ਬੰਦ ਕਰ ਦਿਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਅਤੇ ਯਹੂਦੀਆਂ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਨਫ਼ਰਤ ਪੈਦਾ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਫੰਡਰਲ ਸਰਕਾਰ

ਤੋਂ ਫੰਡ ਨਹੀਂ ਮਿਲਣਗੇ। ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਧਿਰ ਦੇ ਆਗੂ ਨੇ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਮੰਤਰੀ 'ਤੇ ਲਾਇਆ ਵੱਡਾ ਦੋਸ਼ ਇਜ਼ਰਾਈਲ @ਤੇ ਹਮਾਸ ਦੇ ਹਮਲੇ ਦੀ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਬਰਸੀ ਮੌਕੇ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਸਮਾਗਮ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਧਿਰ ਦੇ ਆਗੂ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਜਸਟਿਨ ਟਰੂਡੋ ਨੇ ਸੰਬੋਧਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਵਿਚ ਯਹੂਦੀਆਂ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਜ਼ਹਿਰ

ਫੈਲਾਉਣ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਡਟ ਕੇ ਟਾਕਰਾ ਕਰਨ 'ਤੇ ਜ਼ੋਰ ਦਿਤਾ। ਇੱਥੇ ਦੱਸਣਾ ਬਣਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਹਮਾਸ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਇਜ਼ਰਾਈਲ 'ਤੇ ਹਮਲਾ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣ ਮਗਰੋਂ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਦੀਆਂ ਸੜਕਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਫਲਸਤੀਨੀ ਹਮਾਇਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਇਜ਼ਰਾਈਲ ਹਮਾਇਤੀ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਕਿਸਮ ਦੇ ਰੋਸ ਵਿਖਾਵੇ ਦੇਖਣ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਲੇ। ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿਚ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਧਿਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੇ ਸਵਾਲ ਦਾ ਜਵਾਬ ਦਿੰਦਿਆਂ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼

ਮੰਤਰੀ ਮੇਲਾਨੀਆ ਜੌਲੀ ਨੇ ਵਾਅਦਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਕਿ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਹਮੇਸ਼ਾ ਕੈਨੇਡੀਅਨ ਯਹੂਦੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਸਾਥ ਦੇਵੇਗੀ। ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਦੇ ਜਵਾਬ ਤੋਂ ਪੋਲੀਵਰੇ ਦੀ ਤਸੱਲੀ ਨਾ ਹੋਈ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਮੁੜ ਖੜ੍ਹੇ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਯਹੂਦੀਆਂ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਲਗਦੇ ਨਾਅਰਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਨਿਖੇਧੀ ਕਰੇ। ਇਸੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਨਿਆਂ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਆਰਿਫ ਵਿਰਾਨੀ ਖੜ੍ਹੇ ਹੋ ਗਏ ਅਤੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਹਮੇਸ਼ਾ ਤੋਂ ਕੈਨੇਡੀਅਨ ਯਹੂਦੀਆਂ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਨਫ਼ਰਤ ਦਾ ਟਾਕਰਾ ਕਰਦੀ ਆਈ ਹੈ। ਪੋਲੀਵਰੇ ਇਕ ਵਾਰ ਫਿਰ ਖੜ੍ਹੇ ਹੋ ਗਏ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਮੰਤਰੀ 'ਤੇ ਯਹੂਦੀਆਂ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਨਾਅਰੇਬਾਜ਼ੀ ਦੀ ਨਿਖੇਧੀ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਟਾਲਾ ਵੱਟਣ ਦਾ ਦੋਸ਼ ਲਾਇਆ। ਟੋਰੀ ਆਗੂ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਆਪਣਾ ਫਰਜ਼ ਨਿਭਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਬਜਾਏ ਲੀਡਰਸ਼ਿਪ ਮੁਹਿੰਮ ਦੇ ਯਤਨ ਤਹਿਤ ਹਮਾਸ ਹਮਾਇਤੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਪੱਖ ਪੂਰਿਆ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਟੋਰੀ ਦੀ ਇਸ ਟਿੱਪਣੀ ਤੋਂ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਗੁੱਸਾ ਆ ਗਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਇਕ ਬਰਸੀ ਸਮਾਗਮ ਨੂੰ ਸਿਆਸੀ ਰੂਪ ਦੇਣ ਦਾ ਯਤਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ।

# ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਜਾਣ ਦੇ ਚਾਹਵਾਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਕ ਹੋਰ ਝਟਕਾ ! ਹੋ ਗਿਆ ਨਵਾਂ ਐਲਾਨ



ਟੋਰਾਂਟੋ- ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੇ ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ, ਖਾਸ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ ਥੋੜ੍ਹੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੇ ਕਾਲਜ ਕੋਰਸ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਪੋਸਟ ਗ੍ਰੈਜੂਏਟ ਵਰਕ ਪਰਮਿਟ (PGWP) ਯੋਗਤਾ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਖ਼ਤ ਦਿਸ਼ਾ-ਨਿਰਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। 1 ਨਵੰਬਰ, 2024 ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ PGWP ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਚਾਹਵਾਨ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾਵਾਂ, ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਜਾਂ ਫ੍ਰੈਂਚ ਵਿਚ ਵਧੇਰੇ ਮੁਹਾਰਤ ਸਾਬਤ ਕਰਨੀ ਪਵੇਗੀ। ਇਮੀਗ੍ਰੇਸ਼ਨ, ਰਫ਼ਿਊਜ਼ੀਜ਼ ਐਂਡ ਸਿਟੀਜ਼ਨਸ਼ਿਪ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ (IRCC) ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ ਤੇ ਇਕ ਪੋਸਟ ਚ ਕਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪੜ੍ਹਨ, ਲਿਖਣ, ਸੁਣਨ ਜਾਂ ਬੋਲਣ ਚ ਆਪਣੇ ਹੁਨਰ ਦਾ ਸਬੂਤ ਦੇਣਾ ਪਵੇਗਾ। ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਦੇ ਹੁਨਰ ਨੂੰ ਸਾਬਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਟੈਸਟ ਦੇ ਨਤੀਜੇ ਦੇ ਸਾਲ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਪੁਰਾਣੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਣੇ ਚਾਹੀਦੇ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਜਾਂ ਕਾਲਜ ਤੋਂ ਬੈਚਲਰ ਡਿਗਰੀ, ਮਾਸਟਰ ਡਿਗਰੀ, ਜਾਂ ਡਾਕਟਰੇਟ ਦੀ

ਡਿਗਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ, ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ PGWP ਲਈ ਇਕ ਅਧਿਐਨ ਖੇਤਰ ਚੁਣਨ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ। ਪਛਾਣੇ ਗਏ ਖੇਤਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਖੇਤੀਬਾੜੀ ਅਤੇ ਫੂਡ-ਪ੍ਰੋਸੈਸਿੰਗ, ਸਿਹਤ ਸੰਭਾਲ, ਵਿਗਿਆਨ, ਤਕਨਾਲੋਜੀ, ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰਿੰਗ ਅਤੇ ਗਣਿਤ, ਵਪਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਆਵਾਜਾਈ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹਨ। PGWP ਮੁੱਦੇ ਤੇ ਬਰੈਂਪਟਨ ਵਿਚ ਯੂਥ ਸਪੋਰਟ ਗਰੁੱਪ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਮਰਥਨ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੈ। ਸਤੰਬਰ ਵਿਚ, ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੇ ਘੋਸ਼ਣਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਸਮੇਤ ਕੱਚੇ ਨਿਵਾਸੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਵੱਧ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਦੇ ਕਾਰਨ 2025 ਵਿਚ ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਦਾਖ਼ਲ ਵਿਚ 10% ਦੀ ਕਮੀ ਕਰੇਗੀ। IRCC ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਬਿਆਨ ਵਿਚ ਇਹ ਵੀ ਕਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ PGWP ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਦੀ ਯੋਗਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਈਗ੍ਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਟੀਚਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਲੇਬਰ ਮਾਰਕੀਟ ਦੀਆਂ ਲੋੜਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਬਿਹਤਰ ਢੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਜੋੜਨ ਲਈ ਅੱਪਡੇਟ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ।



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(ਆਰ.ਸੀ.ਐਮ.ਪੀ) ਦੁਆਰਾ ਜਾਂਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਜਦੋਂ ਤੱਕ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਪੂਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਉਦੋਂ ਤੱਕ ਸਾਡੇ ਕੋਲ ਸ਼ਮੂਲੀਅਤ ਬਾਰੇ



ਖੁਫੀਆ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ @ਤੇ ਦੋਸ਼ ਆਇਆ ਹੈ, ਇਸ ਲਈ ਅਸੀਂ ਆਰ.ਸੀ.ਐਮ.ਪੀ ਦੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਕੰਮ ਨੂੰ ਪੂਰਾ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਉਡੀਕ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਾਂ। ਕੈਨੇਡਾ

ਦੀ ਨੀਤੀ ਬਹੁਤ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੀ ਖੇਤਰੀ ਅਖੰਡਤਾ ਦਾ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਕਤਲ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਕਰ ਰਹੀ ਏਕੀਕ੍ਰਿਤ ਹੋਮੀਸਾਈਡ ਇਨਵੈਸਟੀਗੇਸ਼ਨ ਟੀਮ (ਆਈ.ਐਚ.ਆਈ.ਟੀ) ਨੇ ਚਾਰ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਨਾਗਰਿਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਗ੍ਰਿਫਤਾਰੀ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਕੀਤਾ।

ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਤੇ ਫਸਟ-ਡਿਗਰੀ ਕਤਲ ਅਤੇ ਕਤਲ ਦੀ ਸਾਜ਼ਿਸ਼ ਰਚਣ ਦੇ ਦੋਸ਼ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਮੁਕੱਦਮੇ ਦੀ ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਨਵੰਬਰ ਦੇ ਅੱਧ ਵਿਚ ਮੁੜ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਉਮੀਦ ਹੈ। ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਟਰੂਡੋ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਕੈਨੇਡੀਅਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਦੇ ਰਾਜ ਨਾਲ ਜੁੜੇ ਕੁਝ ਬਹੁਤ ਗੰਭੀਰ ਮੁੱਦਿਆਂ @ਤੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਨਾਲ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ ਮੁੜ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ। ਪਿਛਲੇ ਸਾਲ ਭਾਰਤ ਨੇ ਜਸਟਿਨ ਟਰੂਡੋ ਦੇ ਦੋਸ਼ਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਬੇਬੁਨਿਆਦ ਦੱਸਦਿਆਂ ਰੱਦ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਦੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਪੱਖੀ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦਾ ਧੁਰਾ ਬਣਨ @ਤੇ ਚਿੰਤਾ ਵੀ ਜ਼ਾਹਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੀ। ਹਾਲਾਂਕਿ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਸਵੀਕਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ।

# ਓਨਟਾਰੀਓ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਜ਼ਬਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਕਲਾਸਿਕ ਵਾਹਨ ਕਾਰਨ ਕਾਰ ਮਾਲਕ ਹਤਾਸ਼

ਟੋਰਾਂਟੋ : ਓਨਟਾਰੀਓ ਤੋਂ ਵੇਨ ਅਤੇ ਮੋਨਾ ਇਵੋਏ, ਓਨਟਾਰੀਓ ਪ੍ਰੋਵਿੰਸ਼ੀਅਲ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੀ ਵਿਨਾਸ਼ਕਾਰੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਵਿੱਚ ਫੜੇ ਗਏ ਦਰਜਨਾਂ ਕਲਾਸਿਕ ਕਾਰ ਪ੍ਰੇਮੀਆਂ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਹਨ। 2021 ਵਿੱਚ 30,000 ਡਾਲਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਇੱਕ 1934 ਫੋਰਡ ਕ੍ਰੂਪ ਖਰੀਦਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ, ਈਵੋਏਸ ਨੂੰ ਜੁਲਾਈ 2024 ਤੱਕ ਕਦੇ ਵੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਮੁੱਦੇ 'ਤੇ ਸ਼ੱਕ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਇਆ, ਜਦੋਂ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਡਰੀਮ ਕਾਰ ਚੋਰੀ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਤਿੰਨ ਸਾਲਾਂ ਤੱਕ ਵਾਹਨ ਦੀ ਮਾਲਕੀ ਅਤੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰੀ ਹੋਣ ਦੇ ਬਾਵਜੂਦ, ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਜ਼ਬਤ ਕਰ ਲਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਦਿਲ ਟੁੱਟ ਗਿਆ। Evoys ਇਕੱਲੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਹਨ। ਵੈਟਫੋਰਡ, ਓਨਟਾਰੀਓ ਦੇ

ਇੱਕ ਕਾਰ ਡੀਲਰ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ, OPP ਦੁਆਰਾ 200 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਵਿੰਟੇਜ ਵਾਹਨ ਜ਼ਬਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ, ਜਿਸ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਕਾਰੋਬਾਰੀ ਭਾਈਵਾਲਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਧੋਖਾਧੜੀ ਨਾਲ ਟਾਈਟਲ ਟ੍ਰਾਂਸਫਰ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਚੋਰੀ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਕਾਰਾਂ ਵੇਚਣ ਦਾ ਦੋਸ਼ ਲਗਾਇਆ ਸੀ। ਦਸੰਬਰ 2023 ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਈ ਜਾਂਚ ਨੇ ਬਹੁਤ ਸਾਰੇ ਸਾਬਕਾ ਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਮਾਲਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਦਮੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਛੱਡ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ, ਇਹ ਸਮਝਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਮਰੱਥ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਕੀਮਤੀ ਚੀਜ਼ਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਚਾਨਕ ਚੋਰੀ ਕਿਵੇਂ ਐਲਾਨਿਆ ਗਿਆ। ਰੋਜਰ ਮੇਜਰ ਵਰਗੇ ਦਰਜਨਾਂ ਪੀੜਤ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ 1972 ਵਿੱਚ ਚੋਰੀ ਚੋਦੇਨ ਲਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ, ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਮੁਆਵਜ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਸਾਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ

ਕਾਰਾਂ ਗੁਆਉਣ ਦੀ ਮੁਸ਼ਕਲ ਅਸਲੀਅਤ ਦਾ ਸਾਹਮਣਾ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਬੀਮਾ ਕੰਪਨੀਆਂ ਪਿਛਲੀ ਵਾਰ ਘੋਸ਼ਿਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਚੋਰੀ ਹੋਏ ਵਾਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਨੁਕਸਾਨ ਨੂੰ ਪੂਰਾ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਇਨਕਾਰ ਕਰਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ, ਅਤੇ ਓਨਟਾਰੀਓ ਮੋਟਰ ਵਹੀਕਲ ਇੰਡਸਟਰੀ ਕਾਉਂਸਿਲ (OMVIC) ਖਰੀਦਦਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੁਆਵਜ਼ਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਦੇ ਸਕਦੀ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਵਿਕਰੇਤਾ ਲਾਇਸੈਂਸਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਡੀਲਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਨ। ਇਸ ਕੇਸ ਨੇ ਓਨਟਾਰੀਓ ਵਿੱਚ ਤਬਾਹ ਹੋਏ ਕਲਾਸਿਕ ਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਮਾਲਕਾਂ ਦਾ ਇੱਕ ਰਾਹ ਛੱਡ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ, ਜਵਾਬਾਂ ਦੀ ਭਾਲ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਪਿਆਰੇ ਵਾਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਨੁਕਸਾਨ ਨਾਲ ਜੂਝ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ।



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# Trudeau Government Was Warned of Escalating Foreign Interference Threat Two Years Ago, Inquiry Hears



The Trudeau government was warned more than two years ago about a growing foreign interference threat from state actors such as China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and Iran, according to evidence presented at the public inquiry into foreign interfer-

ence. A secret memorandum presented to the cabinet in May 2022 outlined the significant and increasing risk these countries posed to Canada's national security, urging swift and decisive action. The document, which was made public in a summary by the inquiry, highlighted the need for better coordination and modernization of tools to combat hostile activities by state actors (HASA).

The memorandum described HASA as one of the greatest threats to Canada's national security, affecting the country's strategic interests, democratic institutions, and the public's Charter-protected rights and freedoms. The intelligence community had identified a sharp rise in the volume and intensity of these threats, particularly from China. The document warned that Canada needed to act decisively to address these risks and suggested several concrete measures, including bolstering the country's resilience, considering new legislative tools, and expanding the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's (RCMP) capabilities to counter foreign interference.

## Key Recommendations and Gaps in Response

The memorandum proposed a "whole-

of-society" approach, which involved engaging various sectors and communities across Canada to make the country a "harder, more resilient target" for foreign interference. It also suggested taking concrete steps to deter these hostile activities, such as developing new legislative tools and expanding the RCMP's role in detecting and countering foreign interference. However, the inquiry did not indicate whether any of these recommendations were implemented or what actions, if any, the government took in response to the warning. According to the summary, the memorandum underscored the need for additional resources to enhance Canada's ability to respond to these threats, particularly given the increasing complexity and aggressiveness of foreign actors. However, it remains unclear whether the Trudeau government took any decisive steps following the report. The Privy Council Office, which serves the prime minister and the cabinet, has not yet responded to questions regarding the document or its implications, leaving an open question about the government's actions in the wake of the intelligence warnings.

## CRTC Pressures Big 3 Telecoms to Lower International Roaming Fees, Warns of Formal Action

Canada's telecommunications regulator, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), has issued a directive to the country's largest telecom providers—BCE Inc. (Bell), Rogers Communications Inc., and Telus Corp.—to take immediate steps to reduce international roaming fees for Canadians. The CRTC has set a deadline of November 4, 2024, for the companies to report on "concrete steps" they are taking to address rising costs that affect Canadians when traveling abroad.

The CRTC's action follows growing concerns about the affordability of international roaming charges, which have risen significantly in recent years. In March 2023, both Bell and Telus raised their daily rates for U.S. and international roaming. Telus increased its daily charge to \$14 for roaming in the U.S., up from \$12, and raised its international rate to



\$16, a \$1 increase. Bell also raised its rates to \$13 per day for U.S. roaming and \$16 per day for international destinations. Rogers, which had not recently raised rates, charges \$12 daily for U.S. roaming and \$15 for international roaming. Government and Consumer

ConcernsThe rising costs have prompted concerns from both the government and Canadian consumers, especially as mobile phone bills in other countries continue to decline. Last year, Industry Minister François-Philippe Champagne called on the CRTC to investigate the

issue, expressing his frustration that while wireless rates have been decreasing in other jurisdictions, Canadians are seeing their phone bills increase, particularly when they travel abroad. Champagne emphasized that Canadians deserve fair and affordable pricing when it comes to essential services like mobile connectivity. "As Canadians travel more frequently post-pandemic, it's essential that they are not burdened with exorbitant fees when using their phones internationally," Champagne stated. His concerns reflect a broader issue in Canada, where the high cost of telecommunications services has been a recurring topic in public discourse.

The CRTC's move to pressure telecom giants for changes comes as the sector faces increased scrutiny over pricing practices, particularly in light of growing competition and slower growth.

## U.S. Doctor Faces Two-Year Struggle to Practice in Canada, Leaving 1,500 Patients Waiting



Dr. Ashleigh Duncan, an American family physician, has been navigating a challenging two-year bureaucratic process to be approved to work in Canada, where a job awaits her in Morriston, Ontario. Despite having over 1,500 patients in need of care and two offices prepared for her arrival, Dr. Duncan is still waiting to overcome immigration and licensing hurdles. Dr. Duncan, a graduate of Wyne State University School of Medicine, began seeking to move to

Canada in 2022 to be closer to family and escape the rising gun violence in the U.S. After being offered a job at a local clinic in November 2022, the expectation was that the process would take six months, but it has dragged on for over two years. The delay has highlighted the inefficiencies in Canada's system for recruiting qualified physicians, despite an urgent shortage that has left 6.5 million Canadians without family doctors. While Dr. Duncan's husband, a civil engineer, was

approved to work in Canada within 48 hours, her application has been bogged down by issues with medical licensing, immigration points, and a complex Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA).

Though Dr. Duncan has been registered by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and is already listed as a practicing doctor, immigration and administrative challenges continue to prevent her from starting work, leaving other local physicians overburdened.

# B.C. Man Files Lawsuit Against RBC After Losing \$415 Million Tesla Fortune

A Sooke, B.C. man who transformed an initial \$88,000 investment into a staggering \$415 million by trading Tesla stocks has filed a lawsuit against the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) and accounting firm Grant Thornton LLP, claiming that poor financial advice led to his complete financial downfall. The man, Christopher DeVocht, a carpenter and part-time investor, alleges that his financial advisors failed to protect his growing fortune, ultimately causing him to lose everything.



According to court documents filed in B.C. Supreme Court, DeVocht began investing in Tesla stocks and derivatives in 2019. As Tesla's stock price soared, his portfolio grew exponentially. By the end of February 2020, DeVocht's portfolio had reached a value of \$5.5 million CAD, and by June 2020,

his net worth had surged to \$26 million CAD. The rapid growth of Tesla's stock continued, and by April 2021, DeVocht's portfolio had ballooned to \$186 million. By November of that same year, his net worth peaked at an astounding \$415 million CAD. As

DeVocht's wealth grew, he sought to move out of his rental apartment and purchase a home, prompting him to reach out to RBC Private Banking to inquire about securing a loan against his Tesla holdings. In doing so, he was introduced to

a financial management advisor at RBC, with whom he entered into an agreement for comprehensive financial planning. DeVocht claims that during this time, his primary goal was to liquidate his Tesla options and transition his wealth into more

secure, income-generating investments that would allow him to "essentially retire." However, according to the lawsuit, RBC financial advisors failed to properly understand or support his desire to shift away from high-risk investments. Instead, DeVocht was provided with an RBC margin account, which allowed him to borrow money for further trading.

He was also introduced to tax advisors at Grant Thornton LLP, and over the course of the following two years, he donated approximately \$25.5 million to the RBC Charitable Gift Fund, a decision he claims was based on the tax advice he received.

In December 2020, he donated \$8.5 million, and in December 2021, another \$17 million. By October 2022, however, Tesla's stock had experienced a sharp decline, and the value of DeVocht's portfolio plummeted.

## Alberta to Revise K-12 School Funding Model Amid Rising Enrolment Concerns



Alberta's Education Ministry has announced plans to revamp the current funding model for K-12 public and Catholic schools in response to growing enrolment numbers and widespread criticism of the existing system. The province has been using a weighted moving aver-

age (WMA) scheme since 2020, but Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaides confirmed that discussions are underway to finalize a new funding formula by the 2025 budget. The WMA model, which allocates funds based on a combination of past, current, and projected enrolment numbers, has

been criticized for underfunding students, especially those entering schools for the first time.

Critics, including Alberta Teachers' Association President Jason Schilling, argue that the current system leaves new students underfunded for up to three years.

Nicolaides acknowledged the model's limitations, particularly in fast-growing urban areas, and noted the need for a system that can more quickly respond to rising enrolment numbers. School boards across the province have called for an increase in funding to meet the needs of growing student populations, inflation, and complex challenges like supporting English as an Additional Language (EAL) learners. The new funding approach aims to address these challenges and ensure equitable support for both rural and urban schools.

## New Far North Ontario Hospital Moves Forward with \$1.8 Billion Contract Awarded



A major milestone has been reached in the redevelopment of healthcare services in Ontario's Far North as the Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA) and the Government of Ontario have awarded a \$1.8 billion contract to design, build, and finance a new state-of-the-art hospital in Moosonee. The project, awarded to Pomerleau Health Partners and its design collaborators Kasian Architects Ontario Inc. and Bertrand Wheeler Architecture Inc., will replace the aging Weeneebayko General Hospital, originally built

in 1950 on Moose Factory Island. This long-awaited healthcare facility, set to serve communities along the James Bay and Hudson Bay coasts, represents a significant investment in the region's healthcare infrastructure. The new ultramodern complex will include a 36-bed acute care hospital, a 32-bed Elder Lodge for long-term care, staff residences, and a patient and family hostel. Construction is expected to begin this fall and the facility is projected to open in 2030.

## Arrests Made in High End Vehicle Theft Investigation



Region of Peel – Investigators from the 22 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau Auto Theft Unit have arrested multiple individuals in connection to a series of high-end vehicle thefts and break-and-enters across the Greater Toronto Area.

Over the summer, Auto Theft Detectives began investigating a group of individuals

responsible for vehicle thefts and nighttime break-ins in Peel and Toronto. Investigators connected these individuals to 13 high-end motor vehicle thefts with an estimated value of over \$1.5 million. Through Project Chicago and Project Blue Streak, Investigators executed four Criminal Code search warrants at residences in Peel, Toronto, and

Alliston. They recovered multiple vehicles as well as illegal firearms and magazines. One of the firearms was converted to full auto and had a high capacity drum magazine. The following individuals were arrested and held in custody pending a bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton.

# President Rhonda Lenton welcomes international students to York University



"From the very first day I stepped on the York University campus, what I found most appealing was the mix of students from all over the world! This led to new friendships and connections which continue to make my university experience even more rewarding," said Damor McQueen, a fourth-year political science student from Jamaica, speaking at the President's International Student Reception on September 25. The Student Success Mentor Lead in the Black Excellence at York University program urged his peers to build new connections and get involved in

academic and extracurricular activities to make the best of "this once in a lifetime opportunity being presented to you." He cited his own experience volunteering last year at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences hosted by York that led to his current work/study student opportunity. York University continues to attract students like McQueen from around the world, who join the community with great enthusiasm to receive worldclass education — often work-integrated — in their chosen field, be that in the arts, science, technology or engineering.

To make high quality university education accessible, York offers several scholarships and bursaries. One such scholarship is the President's International Scholarship of Excellence, awarded to high school applicants around the world, who are entering their first year of a four-year undergraduate degree at the university. Another scholarship popular among international students is the Tentanda Via Award. Named after York University's motto "The Way Must Be Tried," it assists undergraduate students who have demonstrated resilience in overcoming significant

personal barriers in the pursuit of a university education and progressive changemakers committed to sustainable development. Other scholarships available for international students include Daughters for Life, the Global Leader of Tomorrow Award, and Mitacs Internships and Awards. For additional information, students are encouraged to visit York's Global Engagement website. "While it is our intention to support you in your academic journey, you also bring a wealth of insights and strengths to York," President and Vice-Chancellor Rhonda Lenton told the student audiences. "We are thrilled that you chose us, and we look forward to what we will accomplish together. Please remember that nothing is more important than your well-being and health and we have many student services to support you." The students in attendance including three top scholarship winners from India — Aamir Sharp, Caroline D'Sa and Harleen Kaur Brar — had the opportunity to meet with President Lenton and share their personal stories and aspirations.

The event organized by York International was also attended

by China's Education Counsels Renzhu Li and Wenjin Han; India's Consul (Commerce & Political) Kapidhwaja Pratap Singh; and the Philippine Deputy Consul General Kerwin Orville Tate and Consul Rodney Jonas Sumague. These diplomatic representatives to Canada were not only present to celebrate their respective country's highly talented students, but also to assure support in their new country of temporary residence. "Congratulations to the three Indian students Aamir, Caroline and Harleen, on receiving major York University scholarships and we wish them the very best in their courses of study," said Singh. "The Indian Consulate remains at disposal for welfare and well-being of all Indian international students in Canada." Diplomats were also on hand to speak to the students during the networking hour, a rare opportunity for these outstanding future leaders of the world. By the end of the event, it was evident that many students had forged enriching new friendships that could last a lifetime, while advancing their education and career aspirations.

## BC is 8 years into a public health emergency.



When it was declared in 2016, 474 British Columbians lost their lives to drug overdoses.

Last year, over 2,500 were killed by drugs — mostly the lethal opioid fentanyl. That's almost 7 deaths per day. While they are the most devastating of victims, the carnage extends further: families are torn apart or driven into financial despair, marriages destroyed, and communities living in fear of crime and violence. With the lives of so many of British Columbians on the line, BC cannot afford to waste more time with the NDP's empty promises and failed ideological experiments. 14,000 people have been killed by drugs ruined since the start of the emergency, with no end in sight, and thousands of more lives ruined. The current government has had 7 years to address

this crisis — and it's become catastrophically worse. The so-called 'solutions' of reckless experiments like decriminalization and 'safe supply' have done nothing to stop tragic record deaths, while creating turmoil in our communities. The Conservative Party of BC refuses to stand by as more lives are lost. With our BC Recovers Plan, we are committed to doing what the Eby NDP has failed to do: end the overdose and addictions crisis, save lives, and help people get their lives back on track. The time for real action is now.

### Our Approach

We know that prevention and recovery are possible and will build a system around this truth, unlike the Eby NDP's chaotic and permissive approach which prioritizes short-term fixes over meaningful recovery. An estimated 225,000

people in BC use unregulated drugs; of those, 100,000 have an opioid disorder. In addition to the lives lost, these are also critical numbers that must be driven-down to get lives back on track.

The Conservative Party of BC envisions a province where those facing addiction challenges are supported in their recovery. We believe in integrated and accessible systems of care that empower people to reclaim their lives, health, and dignity from the plague of addiction.

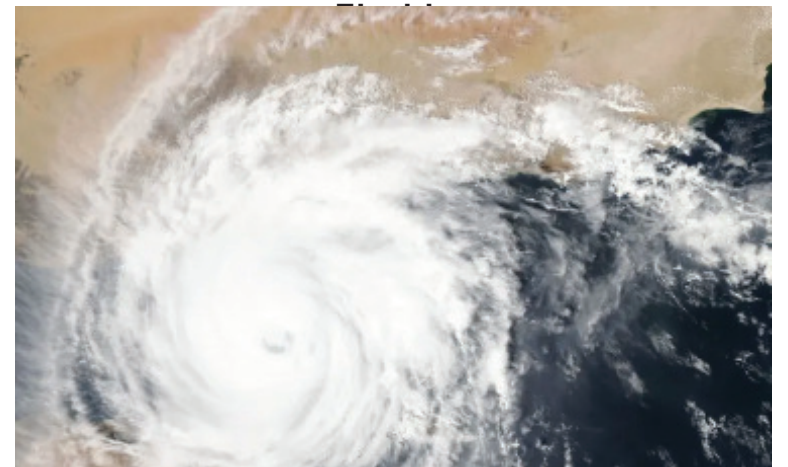
### Prevention

The best way to stop drug deaths is to stop drug addiction from ever taking root. The Conservative Party of BC will never normalize drug addiction as a lifestyle choice: it is a cancer that destroys people, rips families apart and leads to deteriorating communities.

The NDP and their activist allies want to give up on stopping people from falling into the pits of addiction. The Conservative Party of BC will:

Appoint an Addictions Specialist with cross-ministerial authority to oversee the BC government's response to the addiction public health emergency. End decriminalization experiment has failed.

## Canadians Urged to Avoid Non-Essential Travel as Hurricane Milton Bears Down on



As Hurricane Milton barrels toward Florida, Canadians are being strongly advised to avoid non-essential travel to the region, with severe weather conditions expected to impact both the state's west and east coasts. The Canadian government issued a travel advisory on Tuesday, urging caution for those in the affected areas, including Tampa Bay, Lake Okeechobee, and parts of the Florida peninsula, as the powerful storm approaches. Hurricane Milton, which is expected to make landfall late Wednesday, could bring catastrophic weather conditions, including violent winds of up to 145 mph (230 km/h), torrential rain, and towering storm surges. The storm is forecasted to bring flash flooding, power outages, and disruptions to essential

services such as water, food supply, transportation, and emergency care. The storm is on track to hit Tampa Bay directly, an area that has not been struck by a major hurricane since 1921.

Canadians already in Florida have been urged by officials to closely monitor local news and weather updates while following the instructions of local authorities. "Hurricane Milton is expected to sweep across various locations on Florida's west and east coasts between October 8 and 9, 2024," the Canadian advisory reads.

The warning includes areas from Chokoloskee to the Suwannee River on the west coast, as well as St. Lucie and Indian River on the east coast.



# Ontario Child Dies from Rabies After Bat Encounter in Bedroom, First Local Case Since 1967

An Ontario child has tragically died from rabies after being exposed to a bat in their bedroom, marking the first domestically-acquired case of human rabies in the province in more than half a century. The death, which occurred after the child woke up to find a bat in their room, was confirmed by Dr. Malcolm Lock of the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit during a local board meeting. The child, whose identity and age have not been publicly disclosed, was exposed to the virus in a rural area north of Sudbury, Ontario, in early September.

According to Dr. Lock, the family did not initially seek medical attention for rabies treatment because there were no visible signs of a bite or



scratch on the child. Unfortunately, this decision proved fatal as rabies can be transmit-

ted through an infected animal's saliva, even if no obvious bite marks are present. The child

was taken to the hospital soon after the incident but passed away shortly afterward, becom-

ing the first case of locally acquired human rabies in Ontario since 1967.

Rabies is a rare but deadly viral disease that causes severe damage to the brain and spinal cord. Once symptoms begin to appear, the disease is almost always fatal.

The World Health Organization and Canadian health authorities stress the importance of immediate medical treatment and vaccination after any potential exposure to rabies, especially involving high-risk animals like bats.

Rabies is most commonly spread through infected animals such as bats, raccoons, coyotes, and foxes, but it can also be transmitted through the saliva of other infected mammals.

## Real People Reporting Real News

It's no secret that thousands of news stories are published in Canada each day. From local community features to national breaking news stories, the real people reporting real news in your community work tirelessly to ensure readers have access to credible news they can trust.

But who exactly are the real people reporting the news? It could be the person sitting next to you at your favourite coffee shop or the spectator who cheers on your local little league each week; it's someone in the community just like you!

And just like you, these real journalists care deeply about their community – so much so that they've made it their life's work to keep citizens informed and connected. At the core of

every newspaper is a team of real people committed to telling real stories that impact the lives of those in their community.

Champions of the truth come in many forms. It could be journalists and photographers who are on the ground capturing these stories as they happen – using the power of words and imagery to make change. It could be publishers and editors who keep their newsrooms buzzing with opportunities to ensure that community stories make it beyond local borders. Or cartoonists who help readers interpret these same stories visually. There are a handful of powerhouses behind every story who all have one common goal: keeping our democracy thriving through vibrant, independent and

local news media. Each National Newspaper Week, we celebrate the real people reporting real news for their ongoing commitment to keeping communities connected and our democracy thriving through cred-

ible reporting. While they might be people in your community, they are also champions of the truth. Trusted newspaper content is more important than ever in today's world, where disinformation travels faster than

the truth. Journalists, not AI, power Canadian newspapers – the most credible source of information that remains written by humans, for humans.

Learn more about National Newspaper Week at [www.nationalnewspaperweek.ca](http://www.nationalnewspaperweek.ca) or [www.ChampionsoftheTruth.ca](http://www.ChampionsoftheTruth.ca). Why We Celebrate National Newspaper Week

National Newspaper Week is an annual opportunity to recognize the critical role that newspapers play in an active and healthy democracy. It is celebrated in North America on the first Sunday in October. Local newspapers deliver vital information to Canadians, connecting local communities across the country and keeping citizens informed, engaged, and connected.

## Watch the salmon make the journey of their lives

While witnessing the journey of these fish is truly incredible, it's important to do so in a way that won't impede their journey. Environment | October 7, 2024 Imagine taking the trip of a lifetime, but to the same destination as everyone in your city, all at the same time. Now imagine having to take that trip safely to make sure future generations would be able to live full and meaningful lives. A trip like that would come with a lot of pressure – it's a good thing we aren't salmon! Each fall, the annual salmon migration – or salmon run – happens in Mississauga waters. As water temperatures start to cool and water levels deepen thanks to fall rains, freshwater salmon begin their yearly

trek from the mouth of Lake Ontario up along the Credit River. If they make the trip successfully, they spawn or lay their eggs and complete their life journey.

### Taking part in the salmon run

Witnessing the journey of these fish is truly incredible when the odds of making it to their destination are heavily against them. So, as we watch these fish swim, it's important to do so in a way that won't impede their journey.

### Fishing for salmon ended September 30

Fishing for these beautiful salmon is one way to witness their journey. Despite catching them, it's important that they are released so they can continue their way. It's also important to note that September 30 marked



the end of allowable fishing for the salmon. During that time some people were netting fish. Netting fish is illegal and if you are caught you will be

charged. Across Mississauga, there are several great locations along the Credit River where you can easily view the salmon make their journey.

Due to the rainstorms which took place in the summer of 2024, some of the trails to watch these amazing fish are closed for safety reasons as they are being repaired.

The spots that remain open and are great for viewing, include: Meadowvale Conservation Area: Located in the north part of the city, this natural oasis gives you a good opportunity to watch the migration from a pedestrian bridge overlooking the Credit River.

Barbertown Bridge (Streetsville): Located just south of downtown Streetsville, this quiet pedestrian bridge is an incredible spot to watch the salmon stage, or prepare, for their push up the river.

# American Expats in Canada Could Sway 2024 U.S. Presidential Election, Experts

As the U.S. gears up for one of the tightest presidential races in history, American expatriates living in Canada could play a pivotal role in determining the election's outcome. With over 600,000 U.S. citizens in Canada eligible to vote — and possibly many more unregistered — political experts believe that these absentee voters could have a substantial impact, especially in closely contested states.

One such voter is Steve Winters, a dual American-Canadian citizen who has lived in Canada for 17 years. Winters has cast ballots in four previous U.S. presidential elections, and this November, he'll vote again via absentee ballot. While his last U.S. residence was Illinois, a state that typically votes Democratic, Winters remains politically active. "I think democracy is a great thing, and the more people get represented in the system, the better," said Winters, reflecting on the importance of voting even if he's not from a battleground state. American expats, who can vote in U.S. elections based on their last U.S. state of residence, may be key in the upcoming race between Democratic nominee Kamala Harris and Republican candidate Donald Trump. Polls suggest a highly competitive election, with many predicting it could come down to razor-thin margins in critical swing states. Election experts say voters living abroad, particularly in Canada,

where a significant portion of American expats reside, could help decide the election outcome. According to Erin Kotecki Vest, chair of Democrats Abroad Canada, the number of eligible American voters in Canada may be much higher than official estimates, possibly reaching as many as one million. "We estimate that there are anywhere from that 600,000 number up to a million voters here in Canada that could absolutely change everything in the election in the U.S.," Kotecki Vest told CTVNews.ca in a recent interview. **Overseas Voters: A Crucial Demographic**

Historically, American expatriates have often been overlooked as a significant voting bloc, but in recent years, their influence has been recognized as critical in tightly contested elections. The U.S. federal government estimates there were approximately 2.8 million eligible voters living overseas in 2022, but Kotecki Vest and other political analysts believe the number could be as high as six to nine million worldwide, including Americans who live abroad for work, study, or military service. In Canada, the majority of American expatriates tend to lean Democratic, according to Georganne Burke, leader of Republicans Overseas Canada. However, Burke emphasizes that it's difficult to get exact figures because the U.S. lacks a centralized federal voter registration system. "From my experience,



the ratio is at least 3:1 for Democratic registered voters versus Republican ones in Canada," Burke explained. Despite this, she stresses the importance of every vote. "It doesn't matter if it's a swing state or not; it matters that they vote." **Battleground States and Overseas Votes.** Eric Ham, a political analyst for CTV News and former congressional staffer, believes that American expats could have a profound effect in swing states, especially those like Pennsyl-

vania, which will be crucial in the 2024 election.

"The overseas vote has never necessarily swayed an election one way or the other," Ham explained, but he noted that in such a close race, every vote matters, and expats could tip the balance. Many U.S. citizens living abroad maintain strong ties to their home states, particularly those who left the U.S. for education or short-term employment opportunities.



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# Two Brothers Convicted of Violating Iran Sanctions Adopt New Identities in Ontario Amid Controversial Deportation Proceed-

Two brothers, Amin and Arash Yousefijam, who were convicted in the United States for violating Iran sanctions, have legally changed their names and resumed their lives in Ontario under new identities. The brothers, originally sentenced in Michigan in 2021 for using shell companies to export sensitive equipment to Iran, adopted the names Ameen and Aurash Cohen after returning to Canada. The name changes were granted by the Ontario government in April 2022, even as they continued to serve out part of their sentences under supervised release.

Arash Yousefijam, now known as Dr. Aurash Cohen, became a registered dentist and found work in Ottawa under his new identity. Meanwhile, his brother Amin, who changed his name to Ameen Cohen, took up a position as a compliance officer at an international company in Richmond Hill, Ontario. Despite the name change, Amin is now facing deportation proceedings initiated by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), which argues that his involvement in sanctions evasion poses a significant threat to Canadian national security.

### Background of the Convictions

The brothers were convicted in the U.S. for their roles in a scheme to circumvent American sanctions on Iran. Between 2015 and 2021, the Yousefijams, along with an Iranian



accomplice, used a shell company, Austin General Trading, to purchase and export materials restricted under U.S. sanctions. These materials, which had dual-use capabilities, were intended for Iran's nuclear and military programs.

To conceal Iran as the final destination, the shipments were sent to the United Arab Emirates, where they were repackaged and illicitly re-routed to Iran—a tactic known as transshipping.

U.S. authorities described the brothers' actions as "deeply disturbing" and a direct threat to international security. Despite pleading guilty, both were sentenced only to time served plus a year of supervised release, before be-

ing returned to Canada. Their involvement in the scheme was considered significant, with Amin primarily responsible for negotiating shipping logistics and his brother Arash handling pricing.

The brothers' convictions highlighted the broader issue of sanctions evasion and its impact on global security, particularly regarding Iran's attempts to strengthen its military and nuclear capabilities.

### Name Changes and Professional Reintegration in Canada

Upon their return to Canada, the Yousefijam brothers applied to change their names, which was legally granted in Ontario despite Amin not being a Canadian citizen and be-

ing under scrutiny by Canadian immigration authorities. Under Ontario law, applicants for name changes must disclose their criminal records and cannot seek new identities for an improper purpose. Nevertheless, Amin Yousefijam was able to obtain a new identity as Ameen Cohen, while still facing deportation for his role in violating sanctions. Arash, a naturalized Canadian citizen, is immune from deportation and has successfully rebuilt his career as a dentist in Ottawa under his new name, Dr. Aurash Cohen. His brother, however, continues to face legal challenges as the CBSA pushes for his removal from the country. According to CBSA filings, Amin's actions "compromised the security of Canada" by aiding Iran's ability to evade sanctions, which are designed to curb the development of nuclear weapons and military expansion.

### Deportation Proceedings and National Security Concerns

Amin Yousefijam's case has attracted significant attention due to the national security implications of his actions and his continued employment in Canada.

As a compliance officer, Amin's job involves detecting and reporting suspicious activities, including sanctions evasion—a role that raises ethical and security concerns given his past involvement in precisely such activities.

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# Eastern Canada 'Somewhat Protected' as Hurricane Season Heats Up, Says Canadian Hurricane Centre

As the Atlantic hurricane season intensifies, Eastern Canada is currently enjoying a brief respite, with no immediate threats expected for the region, according to meteorologist Chris Fogarty of the Canadian Hurricane Centre. Despite a significant increase in hurricane activity across the Atlantic, a large non-tropical low-pressure system is providing temporary protection, pushing storms away from the region for at least the coming week.

Fogarty explained that this low-pressure system, forecast to develop later this week and into the weekend, is acting as a shield, keeping Atlantic Canada "somewhat protected" from the immediate impacts of the recent surge in storm activity. "We are kind of off the hook for at least a week from



these systems," he said, reassuring residents of the region who have been on high alert after a quieter-than-expected September.

## Current Storms in the Atlantic

At present, three named storms—Kirk, Leslie, and Milton—are churning in different parts of the Atlantic. Kirk

is located in the northeastern part of the Atlantic, Leslie in the southeast, and Milton in the Gulf of Mexico. This wide distribution of storms is indicative of favorable hurricane conditions stretching across a large portion of the ocean, Fogarty noted. While both Kirk and Leslie are not forecast to make landfall as major storms,

attention is focused on Hurricane Milton, which is expected to hit Florida's Gulf Coast later this week. Milton is forecast to pass over Florida and head into the Atlantic, where its moisture could be drawn into the non-tropical low-pressure system expected to influence weather in Atlantic Canada over the weekend. Fogarty cautioned that while the immediate threat is minimal, "we will watch Milton," as there is a possibility it could energize the low-pressure system moving toward the Canadian Maritimes.

For residents of Charlottetown and surrounding areas, the current forecast for the weekend includes a chance of showers, potentially influenced by the interaction between Milton and the incoming low-pressure system. How-

ever, no severe storm activity is expected in the near term. Hurricane Season Set to Roar Back After a September Lull. The recent uptick in hurricane activity follows an unusual lull during September, when weather patterns slowed the formation of storms across the Atlantic. But now, as those patterns shift, experts warn that the season is expected to ramp up significantly, with more storms likely to form in the coming weeks. "The season will remain active through November, and beyond a couple of weeks, it is difficult to predict where the next storms will form and how they will track," said Fogarty. The unpredictability of late-season hurricanes is a key concern for meteorologists, who are closely monitoring the evolving conditions in the Atlantic.

## Speaker Silences Poilievre for a Day After Accusations Against Foreign Minister Spark Controversy



Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre was barred from speaking in the House of Commons for the remainder of

Tuesday, following his refusal to withdraw comments accusing Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly of "pandering to Hamas supporters." The confrontation occurred during question period when Poilievre demanded that Joly condemn antisemitic chants heard during recent protests over the Israel-Hamas conflict. Speaker Greg Fergus ruled Poilievre's language to be unparliamentary, citing its "corrosive effect" on House discussions. Despite the ruling, Poilievre doubled down on his accusations, asserting that Joly had failed to forcefully de-

nounce hate speech. Fergus referenced a previous case involving Liberal MP Yvan Baker, who was similarly banned for linking the Conservative Party to Vladimir Putin, as a precedent for his decision. Joly defended herself, criticizing Poilievre for political double standards and accusing him of not condemning antisemitic symbols seen during the 2022 convoy protests. Poilievre, meanwhile, intensified his criticism of the Liberal government's handling of antisemitism, border security, and its stance on Israel. The ban will be lifted on Wednesday, allowing Poilievre to speak again in the House.

## Suspect Identity Sought in Violent Sexual Assault Investigation

Suspect Identity Sought in Violent Sexual Assault Investigation. Region of Peel – Investigators from Peel Regional Police Special Victims Unit are seeking public assistance to identify a suspect who is believed to be responsible for a sexual assault in Mississauga. On Sunday, October 6, 2024, at approximately 9:00 p.m., the victim, a female in her 30s, was walking in the area of Brandon Gate Drive and Goreway Drive in Mississauga when the suspect allegedly sexually assaulted the victim before fleeing the area. The victim sustained minor physical injuries

as a result of the incident. The suspect is described as a male, Black, mid-20s, approximately 5'8"- 5'10", medium build, curly black hair, wearing a red and black hoodie, black pants, and glasses. Investigators have obtained a short video clip of who they believe is the alleged suspect. The suspect was captured on video footage riding on a bicycle in the area prior to the assault. Police are asking anyone with information, video surveillance, or dashcam footage to contact investigators in the Special Victims Unit at 905-453-2121, extension 3460.

## Canadian Automakers Push for Ban on Chinese Automotive Software and Hardware Amid Geopolitical Tensions



In light of growing geopolitical rivalries and concerns over security threats, Canadian automakers are urging the government to implement a ban on Chinese automotive software and hardware. Inspired by a similar move in the U.S., the proposed ban aims to prevent potentially harmful Chinese automotive components from entering the Canadian market.

The push for the ban comes alongside a 100% tariff on Chinese-made electric vehicles (EVs) shipped to Canada, set to take effect on October 1, 2024. This tariff will predominantly impact Western-headquartered automakers like Polestar and Tesla, the primary importers of China-assembled EVs to Canada.

Key industry players, including General Motors, Ford, and Stellantis, have voiced their support for the ban

through the Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association. Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland expressed the government's concern over Chinese overcapacity and security risks posed by Chinese-made auto components.

This Canadian initiative follows a similar stance in the United States, where a 100% tariff on Chinese EVs has already been implemented, with the Biden administration considering a ban on Chinese automotive software and hardware due to fears of surveillance and control over U.S. vehicles.

Flavio Volpe, president of the Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association, emphasized the need for Canada to align with U.S. policies, arguing that any divergence could give China an unfair advantage.

# Foreign Interference Inquiry Probes Delayed CSIS Warrant Linked to Communications Surveillance

The Foreign Interference Inquiry revealed new details about a Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) warrant application that was delayed for 54 days on former Public Safety Minister Bill Blair's desk. The warrant included a list of individuals whose communications could be intercepted if they communicated with the warrant's target. Although the identity of the target remains undisclosed, media reports have previously linked former Ontario MPP Michael Chan to foreign interference investigations. Testifying before the inquiry, former Deputy Minister of Public Safety Rob Stewart was questioned about the reasons behind the delay. He suggested that Blair and his staff had raised concerns and required time to fully understand the processes involved in executing the warrant. CSIS was tasked with answering those concerns, which likely contributed to the prolonged approval process. The inquiry is part of a broader investigation into foreign interference, particularly related to China's



influence in Canada. The CSIS warrant application, which was sent to Blair's office, included names of individuals whose communications were deemed at risk of interception, raising questions about the handling of sensitive intelligence. Conservative MP Michael Chong's lawyer, Gib van Ert, questioned

whether the delay was tied to concerns over the individuals named in the warrant. Stewart confirmed that it was a common source of concern in ministers' offices but declined to discuss specifics, citing national security. The inquiry also heard testimony from CSIS officials that it took significantly longer than usual for Blair to ap-

prove the warrant, which was sent to his chief of staff, Zita Astravas, before being signed by Blair. Blair later testified that he signed the warrant on the day he first reviewed it. In addition to the warrant's delay, the inquiry has explored broader issues of foreign interference, including the establishment of Chinese "police stations" in Canada, which have been used to harass and intimidate members of the Chinese community. Public Safety Deputy Minister Shawn Tupper confirmed that while some of these stations have been shut down, further investigations have uncovered additional sites operating similar activities across the country. The Foreign Interference Inquiry, led by Justice Marie Josée Hogue, was launched after media reports accused China of interfering in Canada's 2019 and 2021 federal elections. The inquiry's findings will play a crucial role in determining the extent of foreign interference and shaping future national security measures.

## Federal Government Denies Legal Obligation to Provide Clean Water to First Nations in Ongoing Class Action



A class-action lawsuit launched by Shamattawa First Nation against the federal government is testing whether Canada has a legal duty to provide clean drinking water to First Nations communities. Despite longstanding issues with drinking water advisories, the federal government is expected to argue in court that it has no legal obligation to ensure access to clean water for First Nations, framing the matter as a discretionary political decision. The lawsuit, filed in 2022 by Shamattawa First Nation, which has been under a boil water advisory since 2018, seeks a judgment that Canada is legally responsible for providing potable water. The case represents all First Nations subjected to drinking water advisories as of June 2020 and highlights the ongoing water crisis in many Indigenous communities across Canada.

Plaintiffs, including Shamattawa's Chief Jordna Hill, argue that the government's failure to provide clean water is a violation of basic human rights, with conditions in First Nations communities described as an "urgent

human rights crisis." However, Justice Canada lawyers are expected to counter that the federal government's support for water systems on reserves is a matter of "good governance" rather than a legal requirement. The case picks up where previous settlements, such as the \$8 billion agreement in 2021 to address water crises in other First Nations, left off. However, Shamattawa and 59 other First Nations now participating in this class-action lawsuit argue that the government's responsibilities go beyond discretionary political decisions. Canada's lawyers contend that the right to clean water is not uniquely Indigenous and that there is no guaranteed government funding for such services. Despite previous statements from federal ministers acknowledging the government's role in the water crisis, Canada's legal team is now arguing that these comments were context-specific and should not be interpreted as legal commitments. Shamattawa Chief Jordna Hill, who has been vocal about the government's lack of accountability, described the legal battle as long and

painful, with cross-examinations that attempted to shift the blame onto First Nations leaders for the water crisis. Lawyer Michael Rosenberg, representing the plaintiffs, accused Canada of victim-blaming by focusing on alleged inconsistencies in the plaintiffs' evidence.

NDP MP Niki Ashton, who represents the riding that includes Shamattawa,

called Canada's legal stance shocking and hypocritical, especially given the country's global reputation as a human rights leader. As the court proceedings continue, the case will determine whether Canada has a legal obligation to ensure access to clean drinking water for First Nations communities, a decision that could have profound implications for Indigenous rights across the country.

### Ontario Launches In-Depth Review of Children's Aid Societies After Premier Ford's Criticism of Financial Misman-



The Ontario government has announced an in-depth review of the province's 37 non-Indigenous children's aid societies, with a focus on evaluating the quality of protection they provide and examining their financial management practices. This review comes in the wake of Premier Doug Ford's recent public criticism of the agencies, where he expressed concerns over potential misuse of taxpayer dollars and allegations of financial extravagance.

Premier Ford's remarks were made during a press conference last week, where he stated that he had heard "nightmare stories about the abuse of taxpayers' money." He specifically highlighted issues such as lavish spending by children's aid societies,

referring to some of the agencies as working out of "Taj Mahals," and criticized their management for awarding themselves bonuses. Ford's comments have brought to light longstanding concerns about the governance and accountability of these agencies, prompting the government to take action. In response, Ontario's Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Michael Parsa, confirmed that the review will be conducted to address both service quality and financial oversight. Ministry officials stated that the process of selecting an external contractor to conduct the review is now underway, with the aim of thoroughly investigating the operations of the children's aid societies.

# Canada to cover cost of contraception and diabetes drugs

Canada's parliament has passed a bill that will cover the full cost of contraception and diabetes drugs for Canadians. The Liberal government said it is the initial phase of a plan that would expand to become a publicly funded national pharmacare programme. The government estimates one in five Canadians struggle to pay for prescription drugs. The federal government still has to negotiate individual funding commitments with Canada's provinces and territories. A report from parliament's budget watchdog estimates this bill will increase federal spending by C\$1.9bn (\$1.3bn; £1bn) over the next five years. Canadians currently pay for prescription drugs through a mix of private, public and out-of-pocket plans. The programme will cover 100% of the cost of diabetes and contraception medication for those who do not have drug plan coverage, and out-of-pocket costs for those who do. The federal government estimates that nine million Canadian women of reproductive age will have access to common types of contraception under the plan. Birth-control pills and IUDs can cost between C\$100 and C\$300 a year. The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada hailed the bill as a "historic achievement". "Women across the country will be able to make choices about contraception based on what's best for their lives, not their wallets," it said. In addition, some 3.7 million Canadians have been diagnosed with diabetes. Diabetes drugs



covered include insulin - for forward with signing matters. Opposition Conservative people with type 1 and type 2 agreements. The federal health leader Pierre Poilievre, whose diabetes, which can cost minister has said he hopes that party is ahead in national polls between C\$900 and C\$1,700 a some provinces will have the plan by a wide margin, does not year - and Metformin, which in place by the end of this year, support the legislation. Some helps lower blood sugar levels for with all on board by next critics of the bill have also people with type 2 spring. British Columbia has warned it lacks clarity. In a diabetes. Speaking to reporters already signed a memorandum statement, the Canadian on Thursday from the of understand agreement with Chamber of Commerce said the Association of Southeast Asian Ottawa. But two provinces - government only recently confirmed pharmacare would be Nations Summit, Prime Minister Alberta and Quebec - have a universal, single-payer Justin Trudeau called the bill's indicated they may opt-out of the system. "They chose a costly passage "real progress" and programme, accusing Ottawa of model that will deteriorate rather urged provinces to quickly move interfering in provincial

than improve access to prescription drugs, violate provincial jurisdiction, and further burden Canadian taxpayers," the business group said. The pharmacare bill stems from a deal between the New Democratic Party (NDP) and the minority Liberals. The left-wing party promised to prop up the Liberals on the condition that the government launch the drug programme, along with a handful of other priorities. The NDP pulled out of that deal in early September, making a snap general election before the one currently scheduled for October 2025 more likely. Canadians spent an estimated C\$41bn on prescription drugs last year, with C\$15bn covered by private plans and just over C\$8bn out-of-pocket, according to the Canadian Institute for Health Information.

## Canada Reaffirms Support for India's Territorial Integrity

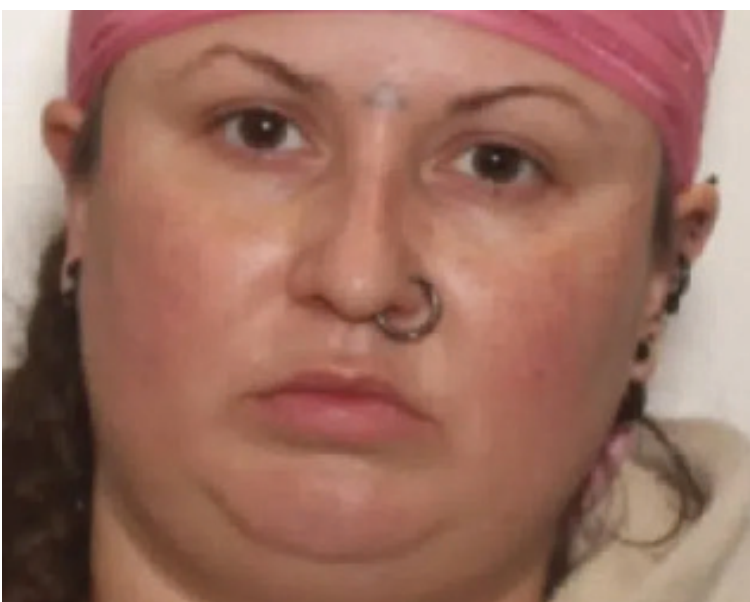


In a significant diplomatic move, that's been made very clear." Canada's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, David Morrison, has reiterated the country's support for India's territorial integrity, stating, "There's one India, and

government involvement in the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Canadian citizen and one of India's most-wanted terrorists. Morrison's statement, delivered during the foreign interference commission in Ottawa, clarifies Canada's position on India's territorial sovereignty, addressing concerns over the activities of pro-Khalistan groups in Canada. While acknowledging the presence of these groups, Morrison emphasized that although some of their actions are "awful," they remain protected under Canada's Freedom of Speech laws. This declaration marks an attempt to ease tensions between Canada and India, which

have been deteriorating since Trudeau's allegations in 2023. The two countries have seen diplomatic ties strained and trade talks derailed in the wake of the controversy. However, with this recent statement, Canada appears to be signaling a desire to reset relations and move forward on key issues related to national security and diplomacy. The comment is also seen as part of Canada's efforts to mend relations with India after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's historic re-election earlier this year, with Trudeau indicating that talks could resume on critical security matters.

## Woman Arrested in Canada After Three Murders in Three Consecutive Days



A 30-year-old woman, Sabrina Kauldhar, has been arrested in Burlington, Canada, in connection with the murders of three people over a span of three days in early October. The victims include two individuals who were allegedly randomly targeted, while one was known to the suspect, according to police reports. The tragic series of events began on October 1, when Toronto police responded to a call and found a woman in her 60s dead with visible injuries. The following

day, on October 2, emergency services were called to a disturbance in Niagara Falls, where 47-year-old Lance Cunningham was found critically injured and later died at the scene. The third victim, 77-year-old Mario Bilich, was discovered on October 3 in a Hamilton car park with significant stab wounds.

He was taken to a hospital but did not survive. Police were able to connect the three killings and arrested Kauldhar at a hotel. She has been charged with

three counts of murder. Niagara Regional Police Service Chief Bill Fordy expressed relief at Kauldhar's quick apprehension, acknowledging the risk of further violence had she not been captured. Authorities are continuing their investigation and are appealing for public assistance in establishing a detailed timeline of the events.

Detectives are also seeking to identify a woman seen on CCTV purchasing clothing linked to Kauldhar on October 1.

# ASEAN-Canada Joint Leaders' Statement on Enhancing ASEAN Connectivity and Resilience

We, the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Canada gathered in Vientiane, Lao Peoples' Democratic Republic on 10 October 2024, at the ASEAN-Canada Special Summit on Enhancing ASEAN Connectivity and Resilience, in support of the priorities of the Lao PDR's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2024;

Recalling the establishment of an ASEAN-Canada Strategic Partnership on 6 September 2023 and REAFFIRMING our shared commitment to jointly address new challenges, including through cooperation in ASEAN-led mechanisms, such as the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF);

Emphasising the importance of adhering to key principles, shared values and norms enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations (UN), the ASEAN Charter, the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC), and the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);

Recognising the long history of cooperation between ASEAN and Canada since the establishment of Dialogue Relations in 1977;

Noting that both the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP) and Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy share relevant fundamental principles in promoting an ASEAN-centred, open, inclusive, transparent, resilient, and rules-based regional architecture that upholds international law;

Acknowledging Canada's support for ASEAN Centrality in the evolving regional architecture, which underscores Canada's commitment to regional peace, security and prosperity and to ASEAN integration and ASEAN Community-building process;

Supporting this year's ASEAN Chairmanship theme of "ASEAN: Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience";

Noting that Canada, as G7 president in 2025, is keenly interested in ensuring that its presidency is informed by the views of ASEAN Member States;

We hereby declare our intention to:

Expand collaboration through the ASEAN-Canada Strategic Partnership which will include a special focus in 2024-2025 on ASEAN-Canada digital cooperation, and an expanded Canadian commercial engagement in the ASEAN region.

Build on the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-Canada Enhanced Partnership (2021-2025) and support the ASEAN Community Vision 2025, ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and its Strategic Plans as well as the implementation of the AOIP.

## Connectivity

Cooperation on Transforming for the Digital Future

Strengthen digital cooperation between ASEAN and Canada, noting Canada's interest in becoming a Dialogue/Development Partner of the ADGSOM.

Cooperation on Integrating and Connecting Economies

Strengthen economic ties by increasing ASEAN-Canada trade and investment, including through Team Canada Trade Missions to the ASEAN region.

Promote greater regional economic integration, development, and resilience, including through the timely conclusion of an ASEAN-Canada Free Trade Agreement (ACAFTA) and underscore our shared commitment to a rules-based multilateral trading system; and achieve fair, open and free markets, as well as sustainable and inclusive economic growth and development.

Welcome the establishment of the Export Development Canada office in Jakarta, and planned expansion to other countries in Southeast Asia, striving to support Canadian companies doing business in Indonesia and other ASEAN markets through direct financing to Canadian exporters and investors and support local buyers involved in projects with Canadian content.

Welcome the establishment of FinDev Canada's office in Singapore, which will accelerate the deployment of the corporation's equity, financing, blended financing and technical assistance solutions in the region, enabling sustainable development and inclusive growth through the private sector.

## Resilience

Environmental Cooperation

Support ASEAN's objectives to enhance sustainable development, including strengthening resilience against climate risks, extreme floods and droughts, including through relevant ASEAN regional mechanisms, ASEAN centres, and institutions.

Advance ocean management initiatives in the region, in line with the ASEAN-Canada Plan of Action, including by supporting ocean and climate scientific research, promoting biodiversity protection and conservation initiatives, and monitoring and enforcement capacity.

## Food Security

Advance technical cooperation by sharing best practices and capacity building in research and development on agricultural product and agri-food innovation in the agricultural sector to support long-term, reliable trade relationships and a stronger supply chain as outlined in the ASEAN-Canada Joint Leaders' Statement on Strengthening Food Security and Nutrition in Response to Crises.

Welcome the establishment of Canada's first Indo-Pacific Agriculture and Agri-Food Office in Manila which aims to strengthen ASEAN-Canada cooperation on food security and promote mutual trade objectives in the agriculture sector.

Explore possible cooperation to promote responsible fishing practices and to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

## Cooperation on ASEAN Centrality

Promote maritime security and safety,

freedom of navigation and overflight, unimpeded commerce, mutual trust and confidence, the exercise of self-restraint, the non-use of force or the threat to use force, and the resolution of disputes by peaceful means, in accordance with universally recognised principles of international law, including the 1982 UNCLOS, the relevant Standards and Recommended Practices of the International Civil Aviation Organisation, and the relevant instruments and conventions of the International Maritime Organisation.

Enhance cooperation in maintaining peace, security and stability, and addressing traditional and non-traditional security challenges in the region, including maritime security; transnational crime such as trafficking in persons, people smuggling, illicit precursor and drug trafficking; non-proliferation and disarmament; cyber security and cybercrime; international terrorism and violent extremism, with support from Canada's capacity building efforts, including through the Anti-Crime and Counter-Terrorism Capacity Building Programs, and in alignment with the ASEAN Regional Forum and the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime.

Cooperation on Women's Empowerment and the Women, Peace and Security Agenda (WPS)

Commit to strengthen efforts in advancing the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda globally, including through sharing of information and best practices, enhancing security related cooperation in the context of WPS within the ASEAN-led mechanisms, launching of a regional WPS initiative; advancing the Elsie Initiative for Women in Peace Operations and regionally, the 'Empowering Women for Sustainable Peace' initiative and cooperation with UN Women involving CAD8.5 million to support ASEAN-led efforts to advance the WPS agenda in ASEAN including support for the implementation and localisation of the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on WPS.

## Cooperation on Health Security Initiatives

Further promote health security and health system resilience through ongoing support for the ASEAN-Canada Mitigation of Biological Threats (MBT) in the ASEAN Region Program, including supporting the development and operationalisation of the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Biosafety and Biosecurity and the ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED) and other collaboration to enhance regional preparedness and response to future health crisis. Further strengthen collaboration through the ASEAN-Canada MBT in the ASEAN Region Program to enhance capacities to prevent, detect and respond to all manner of biological threats, whether natural, accidental or deliberate in origin.

## Cooperation on Disaster Management

Enhance cooperation between ASEAN and Canada to support the

implementation of ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Work Programme (2021-2025) and the next AADMER Work Programme, as well as strengthen collaboration with the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre).

## Cross-Cutting Issues

Commit to consolidate the ASEAN-Canada partnership and strategic engagement through more frequent and meaningful dialogues at various levels. We welcome Canada's support for ASEAN-led mechanisms and note its interest in joining the East Asia Summit (EAS) and the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus), subject to these mechanisms' respective enlargement processes.

Strengthen Canada's support for ASEAN's increased engagement with international and multilateral fora, including the UN, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and G20, and in Canada's role as G7 president in 2025 to explore synergies and collaboration with ASEAN as it adopts the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and its Strategic Plans.

Support ASEAN's efforts in narrowing the development gaps, including through the implementation of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan IV (2021-2025) and its successor documents as well as sub-regional frameworks in the ASEAN region, which would contribute to promoting sustainable and equitable development and inclusive growth across the ASEAN Community by aligning sub-regional growth with the comprehensive development of ASEAN.

Recognise the importance of further enhancing regional connectivity, including through support for the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025 and its successor document and the ASEAN Connectivity Post-2025 Agenda, as well as promoting links and synergies with other relevant connectivity initiatives through ASEAN's Connecting the Connectivities approach.

As we adopt this Joint Statement, we task our relevant officials to implement the above initiatives to complement the programmes and goals identified in the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-Canada Enhanced Partnership (2021-2025) as well as the Joint Leaders' Statement on ASEAN-Canada Strategic Partnership, based on mutual respect, mutual trust and mutual benefit. We reaffirm our commitment to our relationship, as ASEAN and Canada commence negotiations of the next iteration of the ASEAN-Canada Plan of Action (2026 – 2030).

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# 'There is one India', says Canada amid strained ties over Khalistan issue

**'Canada's policy is clear that India's territorial integrity must be respected. There's one India,' said Deputy Foreign Minister of Canada**

In a development that could signal an improvement in diplomatic relations between India and Canada, Canada's Deputy Foreign Minister David Morrison has expressed support for India's territorial integrity. Speaking at a public hearing of the Canadian Foreign Interference Commission in Ottawa on October 4, Morrison made it clear that "there is one India" and the country's sovereignty must be respected. His remarks, broadcast on the nation's parliamentary channel, come at a time of heightened tensions following the assassination of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar last year.



nessed a positive engagement during the G20 Summit in September 2023. However, the fallout from Nijjar's death led to the expulsion of 41 diplomats, pushing relations into what Morrison described as a "complicated place." Despite this, Morrison said communication channels between the two nations remain open. "Canada and India are partners going back many decades. India is an increasingly significant global player, and Canada is taking account of that in its policies," he said, hinting at a possible path forward in resolving the diplomatic impasse. The tension surrounding Nijjar's killing has left both nations grappling with unresolved security concerns. Trudeau, after the Lok Sabha elections in June this year, expressed a desire to resume talks with India on critical issues, including national security and rule of law.

"Canada's policy is very clear that India's territorial integrity must be respected. There's one India, and that's been made very clear," Morrison said, while addressing a concern raised by India over the Khalistani movement, which has seen support from some Canadian citizens. He also

acknowledged the existence of Khalistan advocates in Canada but reiterated Ottawa's recognition of India's unified sovereignty. The statement marks a key clarification of Canada's stance in light of the diplomatic rift that escalated after Canadian Prime Minister Jus-

tin Trudeau suggested in September 2023 that Indian agents were potentially involved in Nijjar's killing. India has firmly denied these accusations, calling them 'absurd' and 'politically motivated', while also expressing concerns about Canada's leniency towards pro-Khalistan

groups. Morrison also highlighted the longstanding partnership between India and Canada, noting that ties had been improving until the Nijjar assassination strained relations. He pointed out that both countries were in talks for a foreign trade agreement and wit-

## Travellers to Florida told to check flights as hurricane looms



Toronto residents heading to Florida are being urged to check the status of their flights before going to Pearson International Airport with Hurricane Milton forecast to make landfall late Wednesday. Erica Vella, spokesperson for Toronto Pearson, said in an interview

that there are no operational impacts to the airport itself, but several airlines are cancelling flights to Florida in anticipation of the hurricane. "We're seeing a lot of airports in Florida also shutting down operations," Vella said. "Right now, our message to passengers is that they

should be checking the status of their flight before they come to the airport." On Wednesday afternoon, the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said in a video on X, formerly Twitter, that airports are closed in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, Orlando, Daytona Beach and Fort Myers. The FAA said it expects airports in Jacksonville, Fort Lauderdale and Miami to remain open despite the impacts of the storm. Air Canada said on X that it has cancelled its flights to Fort Myers, Orlando and Tampa Wednesday through to Friday. The airline added that it is offering a flexible rebooking policy and plans to add more than 1,100 seats after the hurricane passes to provide more travel options. Porter Airlines said on X it has cancelled all Florida flights on Wednesday and all Orlando flights on Thursday.

## Four people sick with listeriosis following beef tongue recall in Ontario

This comes after the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) recalled several brands of the beef tongue stores across the province. The food

tongue, they should throw it out or return it to stores. The food inspection agency says food contaminated with listeria may not look or smell spoiled but can still make people sick. Symptoms of listeria can include vomiting, nausea, persistent fever, muscle aches, severe headache and neck stiff-



inspection agency says the products were likely sold by various retailers, store clerks, and/or sliced or chunked in smaller packages. The CFIA is currently conducting an investigation into the products and says more could be added. It is advising customers to contact their retailer if they believe they have purchased the recalled product and if customers have the recalled beef

ness. In particular, pregnant women, elderly people and those with weakened immune systems are especially at risk. The recall notice says pregnant women who get infected may experience only mild, flu-like symptoms, however, the infection can lead to premature delivery, infect the newborn or even cause a stillbirth, and in severe cases, death.