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Good morning. Thanks for joining us today. I'm Aisha Ashraf, and I'm Danna Samara. Here are some of the stories we're following for you this morning from the On The Record newsroom.



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A vigil was held yesterday to honor the 98 journalists killed in Palestine, Lebanon and Israel over the last four months. The vigil happened at Toronto Metropolitan University and was titled journalists for journalists. It was organized by a group of journalists and professors. With more on the event. Here's Erica Westbury. On Thursday, February 1, a vigil was held at Tmu in honor of all of the journalists who have been killed in Gaza, Israel and Lebanon. I want to thank everyone for taking the time to be here tonight.



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and to reaffirm our commitment to our craft. The vigil featured speeches from event organizers, Janella masa, percent matar, Inori, Roy and Fatima Sade, in which they highlighted the tragic events taking place in the Middle East, and the journalists who lost their lives as a result. The vigil also paid respect to the writers and poets who have been killed. A poem written by neural Dena judge, a poet who was killed by an Israeli airstrike was read out by journalist Josh block, in which Nora describes what he suspects would be his last message to the world.

Again, my name is Nora arbitrage. I'm a Palestinian writer. I'm 27 years old, and I have many dreams. I am not a number and I do not consent to my death being passing news. The event concluded with a moment of silence one second for every journalist killed.

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At this time, those in attendance were invited to pay their respects in front of a banner that featured the names of all 90 journalists who lost their lives.

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Journalists and journalism students from all over the world gathered at the event. A friend of mine invited me and I think it's really important to show you know that journalists, no matter whether it's Canada, or anywhere around the world, we stand in solidarity for what's going on right now. Despite the event success, some felt as though the visuals should have been held sooner.

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We're four months after this war started. And within the last two months, it became really clear that this was one of the deadliest conflicts for journalists. And we were watching and waiting for some institutional organization or group to take lead on an event like this. And when it didn't happen, we felt the need to do it ourselves.

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Especially because it's been four months. The journalism school journalism speaking now.

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I think it's four months.

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This is the start. This is the bare minimum. And although I had problems

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did a good job.

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That was on the records. Erica wedge Bri reporting. Thank you for that. Meanwhile, a Calgary journalist named months who was Shuman has gone missing in Gaza while working as a citizen reporter and aid worker. Government officials in Ottawa are closely monitoring the situation as friends and family Express going concern over his welfare. The father of five went missing on January 21, with witnesses claiming he was taken into custody by the Israeli Defense Forces. She wants to Porter started a petition on Saturday, calling on the Israeli government to release him. As of this Friday afternoon. 185,000 signatures have been collected. Closer to home now Toronto Mayor Olivia Charles executive committee has voted in favor of a new municipal tax on foreign homebuyers. The decision which took place Tuesday is meant to protect Toronto's housing supply and deal with the city's affordability crisis. The proposed tax would result in foreign nationals having to pay an additional 10% on the purchase of new residential properties that they don't plan to live in. If passed by the council next month. The tax would take effect in January 2025.

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The Canadian government is allocating an additional \$40 million to organizations aiding the people of the Gaza Strip. This decision follows a pause in funding to the UN's relief agency for Palestinians due to allegations of staff involvement and the Hamas attack on October 7. The additional funding coincides with Ottawa as rejection of what is described as inflammatory rhetoric from Israeli government officials regarding the force displaced

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Many residents in the besieged region. The majority of the new funding will support organizations such as the World Food Programme and UNICEF. Toronto Police are warning of an ongoing taxi scam. The scammers are tricking victims into thinking their taxi doesn't take cash to convince them to help out with their credit cards, which are then skimmed or swapped since June 2023. Over 60 scams have been reported to police resulting in over \$40,000 in losses. Police are urging individuals not to make payments for strangers in exchange for cash and to be wary of their credit card transactions. Following the January 10 budget launch, Toronto School Boards are calling for a more youth friendly city budget with more of their concerns here's Thalia saline.

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The Toronto youth cabinet and school boards released a youth friendly city budget proposal in

response to the city's budget launch on January 10. The budget plan was made for Torontonians but failed to represent young people said Stephen Monza, the executive director of Toronto youth cabinet and current TMU's students. The Toronto youth cabinet is the city council's official youth run organization that advocates for youth involvement in policymaking. The joint statement with TDSB and tcdsb released last Thursday, called for funding and more youth hubs violence prevention grants, employment initiatives, nutrition programs and after school programming. Job employment is essential for youth to promise a bright future for career and economic security sediment saw.



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Young people are not carjacking for enjoyment but out of necessity as they come face to face with poverty he continued. Rachel Eternals Lin Chair of TDSB said the funding can be used towards breakfast and lunch programs including pantries to allow students to take food to their homes. Men saw says young people have been actively advocating before and during the budget season, but the municipal government has failed to acknowledge their voices. For On The Record news I'm telling you saili



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power has been restored in much of downtown Toronto, Toronto Fire responded to many elevator rescues after an outage left 1000s without electricity in the downtown core last night. Hydro One says a raccoon and made contact with equipment at a downtown station when it knocked out power for almost 7000 Toronto Hydro customers. The outter started shortly after 730 last night and was restored around a quarter after 10.



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President Mohammed Lakshmi says it is too soon to say how new limits on the number of international students allowed him to Canada will affect Toronto metropolitan university. Lachemi says More information is required to determine the how the cap on study permits announced last week by the federal government will affect TMU's international students admissions this coming fall. The new measures mean study permits for students coming to Canada in 2024 will be reduced by 35%, dropping from more than 500,000 to 364,000 nationally, post secondary institutions in the province will also be required to guarantee that housing options are available for all international students. And other school news Hillel to you is hosting its first ever networking Shabbat dinner for Jewish students and staff this evening. Here's Michelle raveendran with more.



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The posters still looked fresh at noon on Monday on a pillar outside the Rogers communication center on TMU's campus. Bring him home now they read showing faces of Israelis kidnapped by Hamas during the October 7 attacks. Over Top another sticker. Genocide in the name of old Jews is anti semitism it read



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within two hours some hostage posters had been torn stickers reading boycotts, Israeli Apartheid covered their faces.



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Meanwhile, a few minutes away on Young Street Jewish students gathered to speak with Rabbi Aaron Greenberg. He visits the Hillel Tmu loft space every week. The chapter is a branch of Hillel International, a Jewish campus organization located in over 850 campuses worldwide.



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The Loft provides a safe space for Jewish students on campus said no Emka him co president of Hillel TMU's and fourth year business student sometimes like our students will just like walk through a protest or see like posters on the wall like saying all these things and they just like they're so thankful that the the loft or space on campus is just like a few minutes away that they can come in and just like relax, feel safe. And just like be with their friends again and people that like they can confide in.



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This Friday Hillel



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CMU is hosting a Shabbat networking dinner for Jewish students and staff at the university. Shabbat is the traditional day of rest in Judaism observed from Friday evening to Saturday night, co hosted by the JCN the Jewish employees community network at Tmu. This will be the chapters first Shabbat dinner specifically aimed at connecting students and faculty.



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Hillel TMU's and the JCN have seen a skyrocketing in participation since October 7. And the onset of the Israel Gaza war said Malka Daniels engagement coordinator at Hillel Tmu.



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In November Hillel Tmu released a statement responding to rising reports of anti semitism in Toronto and on campus. Jewish students and staff have both felt ostracized at TMU's. Daniel said,



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personally, I was getting messages from my Jewish professors, professors just checking in on me.



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Even though I had PROFESSOR Last year she reached out to me because she knew I was Jewish and simply for that reason, the location of tonight's Shabbat dinner is only available to those who RSVP as part of new security measures adopted by Hillel Tmu after October 7.



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Ultimately, to him co said that the Shabbat dinner is a way to create a more interconnected Jewish campus community. creating spaces for Jewish students and staff to come together through events and at the loft itself is imperative. She said I think a lot of our students are visibly Jewish and they feel very scared to be on campus. So it's having like that safe haven that they can go to and be like, Okay, now I'm with my people. Now I feel safe.



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I can talk about what just what I just saw on campus which has happened to me or it's very important.



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So On The Record news, this is Rochelle raveendran.



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Now let's take a look at this weekend sports with our very own Ayesha Ashraf.



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Thanks, Danna. Here's today's rundown from the world of sports for NHL players Carter hart of the Philadelphia Flyers Michael McLeod and cow foot of the New Jersey Devils and Dylan do of the Calgary Flames have been charged with sexual assault in connection with an alleged incident involving members of Canada's 2018 World Junior team. Our attorneys for the players asserted their innocence stating that each player denies any wrongdoing and will defend themselves in court. The investigation by London Police began in 2022. After Hockey Canada settled a lawsuit with a woman who alleged she was sexually assaulted by eight members of the team at a gala. The NHL initiated its own investigation in 22. And as committed to releasing its findings publicly, all four players have taken leave from their clubs and their agents have not made any public statements on the matter. But that's not all the scandal on the ice. 17 year old

Russian figure skater Camila Volynina has been found guilty of a violation of anti doping rules by the court for arbitration of sport two years after the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing. She is now suspended from international competition until December 2025. The ruling disqualifies Volynina's performances from December 2021 onwards, including her participation in Beijing, and prompted discussions on medal awards for the team skating competition. Amidst international scrutiny, the decision amplifies calls for greater accountability in combating doping in sports, particularly concerning minors. Volynina's disqualification will result in the redistribution of medals elevating the United States to gold, Canada will unfortunately remain in fourth place without being promoted to bronze, leaving the team extremely disappointed. Skate Canada says it will consider all options to appeal the decision. And that's all for sports. Thanks for joining me. I'm Asha Asha for On The Record back to you in the studio.



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Thinking about going out this weekend and don't know how to dress. Let's take a look at our weekly forecast for the poor but



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good morning everyone. Thank you for tuning in to On The Record weather. Let's take a look at today's temperature highs. Toronto Guelph Hamilton in St. Catharines will be having a high of three degrees. Mississauga Brampton and Kitchener will have highs of two degrees. There seems to be a bit of a pattern of cloudiness throughout the GTA, but we're finally going to be seeing some sunlight. Now let's have a look at the five day forecast. Let's start with Saturday is going to be a full day of sunshine with a high of four degrees and a low of minus two. Sunday looks the same with a high of four degrees and a low of minus two. We will be partially experiencing a sunny Monday with a high of three degrees and a low of minus three. Let's move on here and have a look at Tuesday.



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We're going to be seeing a high of three degrees and a low of minus one. It's going to be a bit cloudy and a little less sunny but not too bad for the month of February. If we move on



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to Wednesday, it's going to pick up with a high of six degrees and a low of minus one degrees. You can expect clear skies in the evenings, no rainfall and I would recommend leaving the raincoat at home. But definitely carrying the umbrella because you never know a Toronto



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and that is your weather update. I am a pour of a pot for On The Record. Back to you Dana and Aisha.



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From AI generated celebrity images to gypsy roses new look, it's been quite the week in the world of entertainment. With more here's multi Quintana thing or songwriter Taylor Swift has fallen into a predicament with the new AI technology. nude photos were shared on x and the post went viral fan shows their rage through sharing regular pictures of the singer to get on top of the search list. With more than 250,000 likes the platform received multiple claims that made the post get taken down. Swift is considering taking legal action towards the pose but she has yet to speak about the topic. In another news, ex convict Gypsy Rose Blanchard has now been released from jail and she has started her social presence. The real life character Gypsy Rose, interpreted by actress Joey King in the ACT has gained several followers after her murder case was explained in several shows and documentaries. With not 9.9 million followers on Tiktok and 8.3 million on Instagram. True Crime fans have made her into a superstar and a hero. In recent posts, Blantyre has shown a new love to show her public her real self.



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Princess of Wales Kate Middleton has been released from the hospital after spending almost three weeks in London Hospital, where the royal had been recovering from her abdominal surgery. According to the Kensington Palace statements, the princess is making good progress and is expected to rest at the Winter Palace, where she lives with her husband and children. The Princess will not be returning to her royal duties until after Easter. The whole royal family thanks to hospital and specially the nurses for their great care and concerned this is Montserrat in panna.



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That's all for On The Record this February 2 2024. I'm Diana Samara. And I'm Aisha Ashraf. Join us for On The Record next week as we round out the latest stories from the OTDR newsroom for the latest 24/7 Visit our website [On The Record news.ca](https://www.ontherecordnews.ca) and have a great day