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SPEAKERS

Praise Ditep, Speaker 1, Amulyaa Dwivedi, Speaker 3, Aia Jabber, Speaker 2, Gabi Grande, Emma Amodio

E Emma Amodio 00:13
Good morning. Thanks for joining us today. I'm Emma Amodio

A Aia Jabber 00:16
and I'm Aia Jabber. Here are some of the stories we're following this morning from the on the record newsroom, a protest event at Queen's Park over the weekend drew about 140 people, shouting at each other, swearing, carrying placards and draped in Canadian flags. 100 of those protesters were anti immigration, the so called Canada first movement. The other 40 were counter protesters there to try to drown out the Canada first group, but the largest contingent of all was the police. Precise numbers not known, but according to eyewitnesses, more police than protesters from both sides combined. We sent our reporter Praise Ditep to the protest, along with producers, Survi Sahni and Amulyaa Dwivedi.

P Praise Ditep 01:04
the anti immigration protesters were loud, and their message not unfamiliar in these times of high tension and polarized opinion, and there, Across Queens Park was the counter protest their message,

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Speaker 1 01:22

everyone is welcome here that hate does not belong.

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Praise Ditep 01:28

The police had arrived earlier in their numbers, well prepared for the crowd violence, although the violence ended up being more verbal than physical, the rally and counter rally highlighted not just local tensions, but a broader national debate over immigration inclusion and the rise of far right groups in Canada.

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Speaker 2 01:50

It is a Christian nation, so when people come here and and we embrace them, like the Islamic or any other religion, we build mosques. We embrace your culture, but when you guys show when, when people show disrespect, they pray in front of our churches, they counter protest me.

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Praise Ditep 02:10

Canada First supporters shouted slogans about Canada's immigration levels and called for stricter border policies. Their movement says mass immigration is putting a strain on housing, jobs and health care, but they go further.

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Speaker 2 02:29

How can I be a man that works a blue collar job and owns a business and still struggles to feed my kids and my wife when somebody comes over here and gets paid 84 grand, which is \$40 an hour a year, but we still got to work our fingers to the bone.

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Praise Ditep 02:46

Supporters on the other side are clear with their own message that the so called Canada first Movement promotes racism and hate speech. They blame

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Speaker 1 02:57

immigrants for housing and health care problems, and we say has no place here. Everyone is here now.

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Praise Ditep 03:05

Two days later, at Queen's Park, the placards are gone. The place is quiet again. But on Saturday, the anti immigration protest here continued into the afternoon, and for that matter, other similar protests continued in other parts of Canada, Calgary to the west, Halifax to the east, London, just down the 401 from here for OTR news, I am Praise Ditep,

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Emma Amodio 03:39

A new rule will require Canadians to be photographed when both entering or exiting through US borders. The US Federal Registrar issued a document highlighting changes to Homeland Security laws to reflect the new restrictions for travelers. No matter how travelers enter or exit the US by air, land or sea, their biometric data may be collected to help speed up and automate identity and document checks. While the regulation is set to go into effect on December 26 it's expected that the full program will take several years to roll out, and Canadians may opt out by requesting a manual inspection instead.

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Aia Jabber 04:19

Now let's take a look at the other stories we're working on today and this week in our on the record newsroom, standing by live in the newsroom is Mariam Kourabi. Mariam, what have you got for us?

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Speaker 3 04:31

Thanks Aia. It's another very busy week here at on the record and our reporters have been out and about chasing stories much like the Blue Jays, she's hit a double on the website. Yesterday, Survi Sahni reported on one of Ottawa's new investments, which aims to support Francophone students looking for work placements. But the challenge of accessing language workplaces in general remains a problem. Speaking to government officials and a student srvi addresses. The obstacle of language barriers and how it can be worked around there's money, numbers, stats and plenty more information in the piece, and if you're interested in surveys, report with the mulia and praise that we saw earlier, they did a bit more digging. The tour spoke to more organizers of the rally supporters who were on the ground, and pulled some fascinating numbers from Stats Canada about the scenes in Queens Park that is also live on the website. It's spooky season, and as we get closer to Halloween, reporter Nageen Riaz is working on a photo essay about Toronto's biggest Halloween event, Halloween on Church Street. The annual celebration is known for its elaborate costumes, drag performances in big crowds in the church Wellesley Village. This year, the event adds a new beer garden, an extra night of festivities on November 1, and celebrates drag performer savannah's 25 years on stage. Nageen will be there capturing portraits, street vibes and behind the scene moments. You'll be able to see her photo essay on the website at the end of the month, staying on the scary theme, a huge automobile plant in Brampton called Stillantis is shutting down amid the tariff war. With the US reporter Aia Jabber is exploring how this affects graduates with fewer jobs available in the automobile market. Experts tell our reporter that current students are worried there's a trend taking place in universities as more students abandon automotive programs and head into mechanical engineering. That piece will be out later this week. Keep an eye out, and that's all from me now. Stay tuned for more stories coming your way this week.

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Emma Amodio 06:41

Doug Ford feels no remorse following a viral ad that angered Donald Trump, Ford says he's never taking a back seat to President Trump in response to the tension, he says this is the most successful ad in the history of North America. In response, Trump says all trade negotiations with Canada are hereby terminated. In a tweet. Prime Minister Mark Carney says the ad triggered Trump's decision to end trade negotiations and encourage the threat of a new 10% tariff. The \$75 million campaign features former President Ronald Regan, where Trump says Regan talks negatively about tariffs. Ford pulled the ad on Monday after a conversation with Carney so that trade negotiations could resume. The ad has received over 1 billion views. Carney says there were close to a deal with Trump, but the ad changed everything. Ford says that Carney and other premiers knew about the ad prior to its launch

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Aia Jabber 07:42

Canada, could soon lose its measles elimination status, a title it's held for nearly 30 years. Health experts say cases are rising as vaccination rates drop. Just this year, two premature babies died after being infected. Canada says more than 5000 measles cases have been reported since the outbreak in Ontario and New Brunswick a year ago, Alberta has seen 2000 cases since March alone. Alberta has seen a 10% decrease in fully vaccinated children in just five years. Alberta's chief medical officer says that if vaccination rates were higher, the spread would have never been this bad. In order for a country to keep its elimination status, it needs to report no new cases in a year, and Tiktok Canada's time is up.

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Emma Amodio 08:33

A safe consumption site in Parkdale, Queen West is slated to close down next month. Ontario's Ministry of Health has told the consumption site it will lose its funding as part of an effort to prioritize community safety, treatment and recovery. The site will close its doors on November 22 after this closure, only five supervised consumption sites will remain in Toronto, all of which are in the downtown core.

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Aia Jabber 09:11

Time for your entertainment update from pop star and Prime Minister romance to big names taking a break. Reporter Gabi Grande has got us covered.

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Gabi Grande 09:23

Thank you. A follow up from last week, our viewers are dying to know about true north, strong and Teenage Dream former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and pop royalty Katy Perry have made their first official appearance together. The two were seen leaving a cabaret show in Paris on Saturday where the California girl singer celebrated her 41st birthday. Paparazzi flashes illuminated the new couple holding hands and walking to a black SUV as Perry's fans sang her happy birthday. The pair first sparked dating rumors in July when they were spotted at a Montreal restaurant together. Trudeau attended Perry's concert days later, where he was seen singing along to Dark Horse and firework sounds like he bought the VIP. Package. Months later, paparazzi captured the two lovebirds canoodling on a yacht off the coast of Santa Barbara, and now trouble in the upside down British singer Lily Allen has released a new album, and it hints at the end of her marriage with a certain Stranger Things. Actor, the 40 year old Brit Award winner, sat down with the times discussing her new album, West End girl. In it, the singer details the demise of her marriage with actor David Harbor, citing agreed upon boundaries not being adhered to. Yeesh, the pair have quickly become one of the internet's latest gossiping obsessions, with 10s of millions of posts being circulated online in the last week. Have you ever heard such a strange thing? And in retirement news, Canadian music icon Nellie Furtado has announced an indefinite hiatus from performing the I'm like a bird singer. Took to her Instagram to thank fans and reminisce on her career. She explained she'll be quote, pursuing other creative and personal endeavors she feel will best suit the next phase of her life. I genuinely fell to my knees when I read that Furtado first rose to prominence in 2000 for her critically acclaimed debut album, whoa Nellie, and that album not only sold 6 million copies worldwide, but earned her five Grammy nominations, including her first win for Best Female Pop Vocal Album. Imagine doing all of that at 21 years old. Over her 25 year career, the Canadian icon has sold over 35 million albums worldwide, has over 20 billion with a B streams across all platforms and multiple number one hit singles on the Billboard Hot 100 chart back to you on the desk

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Aia Jabber 11:36

Now for sports, and I'm guessing baseball fans are watching this with a giant cup of coffee in hand after last night's marathon match with all the details on Game three of the World Series and other sports news. Here's Amulyaa Dwivedi.

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Amulyaa Dwivedi 11:51

thanks, Emma. It's been a big 24 hours in sports, and especially in women's sports, from heartbreak for Team India at the Cricket World Cup to a major milestone right here in Canada. But it wasn't all good news. The Toronto Blue Jays took a tough loss against the LA Dodgers in game three of the World Series, the Jays battle deep into the night in Los Angeles, but it was the Dodgers who came out on top of what was an 18 inning match with the game ending at nearly 3am it lasted almost seven hours. Canadian, American. Freddie Freeman was the hero, smashing a walk off homer in the bottom of the 18 to seal a six, five victory. Shohei Otani had himself a night two reaching base nine times, with two homers and four intentional walks, and with only 17 hours to rest, Otani will take the mound again tonight for game four. With that, the Dodgers now lead the World Series Two to one heading into tonight's game at Dodger Stadium. And tough news as well for Team India at the Women's Cricket World Cup star opener pratika. Rawal has been ruled out of semifinals against defending champion Australia after an ankle injury in Sunday's rain hit match against Bangladesh, Rawal hurt herself trying to save a boundary, and now she will be watching the game from the sidelines, and no surprise, she'll be missed. Ravel scored 308 runs in the tournament's league stage, second only to Smriti mandana's 365 the ICC has cleared Shefali Verma to step in as her replacement. So yes, some drama ahead, and for India, some serious pressure without one of their top hitters, and speaking of women's sports Canada profession, Canada's professional women's sports market is on a roll. A New Market Report from Canadian women and sports says the country's pro women's sports market has doubled in size in just two years, now worth nearly \$400 million and projected to reach half a billion by 2030 that growth was powered by leagues like the professional women's hockey league, the brand new northern Super League for soccer, and The next year's WNBA team, the Toronto temple CEO Alison San Mayor graves call it a new era of growth, more fans, more teams, and a thriving ecosystem redefining what's possible. So yes, from the ring to the pitch, women's in sport in Canada aren't just growing. They're thriving. What that's all for sports this week. Back to you in the studio, Emma and Aia.

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Aia Jabber 14:47

That's all for On The Record this October 28 2025 I'm Aia Jabber.

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Emma Amodio 14:52

and I'm Emma Amodio. Join us for On The Record next week as we round out the latest stories from the OTR newsroom

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Aia Jabber 14:59

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