8/6/2020 09:00:31  ( DYNAMIC THEME )
8/6/2020 09:00:41  >> GEORGE: TENSIONS ARE
8/6/2020 09:00:49  ESCALATING BETWEEN CHINA AND
8/6/2020 09:00:50  CANADA AFTER A CANADIAN CITIZEN
8/6/2020 09:00:51  IS SENTENCED TO DEATH ON DRUG
8/6/2020 09:00:54  CHARGES.
8/6/2020 09:00:54  WE ARE FOLLOWING THE LATEST SET
8/6/2020 09:00:57  OF BEIRUT, OTTAWA HAS ANNOUNCED
8/6/2020 09:00:58  MILLIONS IN HUMANITARIAN AID.
8/6/2020 09:01:03  EDUCATION UNIONS ARE URGING THE
8/6/2020 09:01:05  TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TO
8/6/2020 09:01:07  RETHINK THE BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN.
8/6/2020 09:01:09  BRANDON GONEZ WILL HAVE THE
8/6/2020 09:01:12  STORY.
8/6/2020 09:01:13  9:01AM, 17°.
8/6/2020 09:01:13  FROM 299 QUEEN STREET WEST
8/6/2020 09:01:14  YOU'RE WATCHING TORONTO'S
8/6/2020 09:01:18  GOOD MORNING.
8/6/2020 09:01:18  I'M GEORGE LAGOGIANES.
8/6/2020 09:01:19  OUR TOP STORY: CHINA HAS
8/6/2020 09:01:22  SENTENCED A CANADIAN TO DEATH ON
8/6/2020 09:01:24  CHARGES OF MAKING THE DRUG
8/6/2020 09:01:26  KETAMINE.
8/6/2020 09:01:26  THIS COMES AMID HEIGHTENED
8/6/2020 09:01:29  TENSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
8/6/2020 09:01:30  COUNTRIES.
8/6/2020 09:01:30  A COURT ANNOUNCED XU WEIHONG'S
8/6/2020 09:01:32  SENTENCE TODAY AND SAID AN
8/6/2020 09:01:33  ALLEGED ACCOMPlice WAS GIVEN A
8/6/2020 09:01:36  LIFE SENTENCE.
8/6/2020 09:01:37  THE BRIEF COURT STATEMENT GAVE
8/6/2020 09:01:38  NO DETAILS BUT LOCAL MEDIA IN
8/6/2020 09:01:40  THE SOUTHERN CHINESE CITY SAY
8/6/2020 09:01:42  THE TWO GATHERED INGREDIENTS AND
8/6/2020 09:01:44  TOOLS AND BEGAN MAKING KETAMINE
8/6/2020 09:01:47  POLICE LATER CONFISCATED MORE
8/6/2020 09:01:48  THAN 120 KILOGRAMS OF THE DRUG.
8/6/2020 09:01:57  CANADA IS SENDING $5 MILLION OF
8/6/2020 09:01:59  HUMANITARIAN AID TO BEIRUT AFTER
8/6/2020 09:02:01  TUESDAY'S DEVASTATING EXPLOSION.
8/6/2020 09:02:04  WE ARE LIVE WITH COURTNEY HEELS
8/6/2020 09:02:05  WHO HAS THE LATEST.
A LOT OF BLAME IS BEING ASSIGNED WHEN IT COMES TO THE CAUSE, BUT IT TAKES A BACKSEAT TO THE EFFECT. >> COURTNEY: THIS BLAST ROCKED THE COUNTRY WE CAN TELL YOU OF THE $5 MILLION THAT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY, $1.5 MILLION WILL GO TO PARTNERS ON THE GROUND. THEY SAY THE LEBANESE RED CROSS AND THE CANADIAN RED CROSS WILL GET THAT CASH TO PEOPLE THAT NEED IT FOR SHELTER AND FOOD. THE EXPLOSION LEFT 135 PEOPLE DEAD, 5,000 INJURED, INCLUDING A 4-DAY-OLD BABY GIRL, LITTLE SOPHIE. SHE HAS A BRAIN INJURY AS A RESULT OF THE EXPLOSION. HER MOTHER WAS NURSING HER AT THE TIME, AND RIGHT NOW SHE IS IN THE ICU. HERE IS MORE. >> IT EXPLODED EVERYTHING IN THE HOUSE, IT WENT EVERYWHERE. LOOK AT ME. I TRIED TO PROTECT HER. BUT I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING. >> YES, YOU DID. SHE DID IT. SHE IS ONLY FOUR DAYS OLD. >> COURTNEY: SUPPORT IS ROLLING IN FROM RIGHT AROUND THE WORLD, ON THE HEELS OF THE EXPLOSION. FRENCH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON IS IN BEIRUT OFFERING SUPPORT. FRANCE IS ALSO SENDING EMERGENCY AID TO THE COUNTRY. YOU ALLUDED TO THIS, GEORGE, THE LINGERING QUESTION OF WHAT HAPPENED -- WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?
NEGLIGENCE SURROUNDING THE STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVE FERTILIZER IN THE AREA, THE PORT WHERE THE BLAST HAPPENED. WE DO NOT KNOW THOSE ANSWERS, AT THIS TIME THE URGES TO GET HELP TO PEOPLE ON THE GROUND. >> GEORGE: THANK YOU. POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR SUSPECTS AFTER A MAN WAS SHOT DURING A ROBBERY IN RICHMOND HILL. WE WILL GET THE LATEST LIVE WITH CAM WOOLLEY, HE IS ON BLITHE STREET NEAR KING ROAD AND YONGE. WAS THIS AN AMBUSH? >> CAM: YES, THE SUSPECTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE THREE GUYS IN A BLACK HONDA WHO WERE WAITING FOR THE VICTIM, A MAN WHO LIVES IN THE AREA. THEY WERE WAITING FOR HIM TO COME HOME. THEY WAITED 10 MINUTES, APPARENTLY THEY KNEW HE WAS COMING. HE PULLED IN THE DRIVEWAY AROUND 10:00 P.M. YESTERDAY, THEY FOLLOWED AND A STRUGGLE ENSUED. WE WILL SHOW YOU WHAT THE DRIVEWAY LOOKS LIKE THIS MORNING -- THERE ARE TRAMPLED FLOWERS AND THAT. THE MAN WAS SHOT IN THE CHEST, BUT A TOUGH GUY BECAUSE HE RAN AFTER THE SUSPECTS. AT LEAST 20 METRES AFTER THEM. WE ARE NOT SURE IF THEY GOT ANYTHING. THEY WERE LAST SEEN FLEEING IN A DARK COLOURED HONDA, MAYBE AN ACCORD OR CIVIC. POLICE HAVE SOME VIDEO BUT THEY EXPECT THERE IS MORE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.
THE MAN WAS RUSHED TO HOSPITAL.
HE WENT TO A TRAUMA CENTRE, AND
DETECTIVES TELL ME HE IS
EXPECTED TO SURVIVE.
DETECTIVES ARE HERE NOW.
THEY ARE CONTINUING TO CANVAS
AND FORENSICS WAS HERE YESTERDAY
AND THEY ARE BACK TODAY TO LOOK
FOR MORE EVIDENCE.
IF YOU LIVE IN THE AREA, NORTH
OF KING ROAD IN AN AREA OF
RICHMOND HILL, WE ARE BETWEEN
BATHURST STREET AND YONGE
STREET, ABOUT FOUR BLOCKS UP --
IF YOU ARE HERE 9:30 P.M. TO
10:30 P.M. OR IF YOU HAVE VIDEO
IN YOUR CAR OR ON YOUR HOUSE,
LOOK TO SEE IF THERE IS A DARK
COLOURED SEDAN, COMING OR
LEAVING OUT OF HERE.
POLICE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO
YOU.
BACK TO YOU.
>> GEORGE: TWO SUSPECTS HAVE
BEEN ARRESTED AFTER A DRIVE-BY
SHOOTING IN SCARBOROUGH.
OFFICERS RESPONDED TO REPORTS OF
GUNFIRE NEAR LAWRENCE AND WARDEN
AROUND MIDNIGHT.
POLICE FOUND THE SUSPECT VEHICLE
FIVE KILOMETRES AWAY ON PARMA
COURT.
THEY TELL US THAT A GUN WAS
FOUND INSIDE, BUT NO INJURIES
HAVE BEEN REPORTED.
TORONTO'S INTERIM POLICE CHIEF
HOLD HIS FIRST NEWS CONFERENCE
SINCE TAKING THE JOB.
INTERIM CHIEF JAMES RAMER WILL
SPEAK TO THE MEDIA AT 10:30 A.M.
HE IS OVERSEEING THE TORONTO
POLICE AFTER THE RETIREMENT OF
MARK SAUNDERS.
A SEARCH FOR A NEW CHIEF IS
A Brampton City Councillor has been suspended after an integrity commission report over an alleged sexual assault.

Ten councillors unanimously voted yesterday to suspend Ward Nine and 10 Councillor Gurpreet Dhillon for three months without pay. They have also restricted some of his responsibilities.

The investigation was launched after a woman came forward saying she was sexually assaulted by Gurpreet Dhillon during a trade mission in Turkey last year. He has not been criminally charged and he denies all the allegations against him.

His statement after the decision reads in part: (reading)

Education unions are calling on the TDSB to rethink the return to school plan for September and Brandon Gonez joins us live with more on the story.

From union to board to government to medical professionals and parents and staff, there is a big disconnect.

>> Brandon: A huge disconnect and the clock is ticking until the time students have to return back to school in the fall.

In fact, that return to school plan here at Canada's largest school board, the Toronto District School Board.

It will be talked about and debated during a meeting -- they will not vote, but they are
GOING TO ASK QUESTIONS AND GET FEEDBACK BEFORE THEY PRESENT THEIR PLAN BACK TO THE PROVINCE. HOWEVER, IT WAS JUST YESTERDAY THAT FIVE UNIONS REPRESENTING DIFFERENT BARGAINING UNIONS PROVIDED AN OPEN LETTER TO THE TDSB CALLING ON DIFFERENT ACTION ITEMS TO PROTECT STUDENTS AND MEMBERS.

I WANT TO BRING IN LESLIE WOLF FROM O.S.S.T.F., GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. I WANT TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE ACTION PLANS AND HOW VIABLE YOU THINK THEY ARE. >> WE ARE VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE WE HAVE A PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT THAT FOUND $500 MILLION FOR THE ONTARIO LOTTERY GROUP A FEW MONTHS AGO BUT CAN ONLY FIND $300 MILLION TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN AND EDUCATION WORKERS IN THE PROVINCE.

WE HAVE A PREMIER THAT HAS ADVOCATED RESPONSIBILITY, HANDING IT OVER TO THE MEDICAL PERSONNEL WHO HE HAS BEEN LISTENING TO OR YESTERDAY AND WE HAVE A BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT HAVE PUT PLANS IN PLACE THAT HAVE FOLLOWED WITH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REQUIRED. AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAS PROVIDED AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF INVESTMENT FOR A SAFE SCHOOL OPENING IN SEPTEMBER AND WE CALL ON THE TDSB NOT TO SHUN THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE CHILDREN AND EDUCATION WORKERS OF THE CITY. >> BRANDON: I KNOW IN THE LIST OFOF-- THE LETTER, ONE OF THE
STICKING POINTS IS THE CLASS
SIZES, COHORTS OF 15.
IS THAT SOMETHING THE UNION IS
WILLING TO NEGOTIATE ON?
>> UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE NOT IN
NEGOTIATIONS.
WE DO NOT HAVE ANY POWER OTHER
THAN PUBLIC OPINION, QUITE
FRANKLY.
BUT WHAT WE ARE ASKING THE BOARD
TO DO IS TO TAKE A LOOK, THE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASS SIZES,
THEY ARE BASED ON AVERAGES.
WELL SOME SCHOOLS AND SOME
CLASSES MIGHT BE SITTING AT 20
OR 25 OTHER CLASSES WILL BE
SITTING WELL ABOVE THAT TO
ACHIEVE THE AVERAGE -- AND THERE
ARE NO LIMITATIONS ON THOSE
SIZES.
AND NO FUNDING PROVIDED BY THIS
GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT
APPROPRIATE LIMITATIONS.
SO WE ARE ASKING THE GOVERNMENT
TO DO WHAT SICK KIDS
RECOMMENDED, I'M SORRY, THE
TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TO
DO WHAT SICK KIDS RECOMMENDED IN
A RECENT REPORT -- ENSURE CLASS
SIZES ARE REDUCED TO PROTECT THE
NUMBER OF CONTACTS STUDENTS HAVE
WITH EACH OTHER, AS WELL AS THE
NUMBER OF CONTACTS MEMBERS HAVE
WITH STUDENTS.
>> BRANDON: LESLIE, I HAVE TO
ASK YOU WHAT ARE YOU HEARING
FROM YOUR MEMBERS AND IF THE
TDKB DOES NOT REDUCE THE SIZES
TO 15 ARE YOU HEARING THAT THERE
IS A RISK SOME MEMBERS MIGHT NOT
SHOW UP TO WORK?
>> THERE ARE TWO GROUPS OF
MEMBERS, IN GENERAL I THINK
MEMBERS ACROSS THE PROVINCE --