GOOD MORNING.
I'M MARCIA MACMILLAN.
THIS IS CTV NEWS CHANNEL.
GLAD YOU COULD JOIN US THIS MORNING.
HERE'S WHAT'S MAKING NEWS RIGHT NOW.

THIS IS NOT A SMALL CLIMB UP FOR SOME OF THEM AS MUCH AS 3,000, 4,000 FEET STRAIGHT UP ON A LADDER.

27 OF 39 WORKERS TRAPPED UNDERGROUND SINCE SUNDAY AT A MINE NEAR SUDBURY ONTARIO ARE NOW SAFE AND SOUND.

WE NEED HELP.
WE NEED OUR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

DOCTORS IN ALBERTA ARE CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE LOCKDOWN AS COVID-19 CASES FILL UP ICU BEDS AND PUSH THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM TO THE BRINK.

 THESE 6 GAMES HAVE PLAYOFF IMPLICATIONS.
WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A PLAYOFF ATMOSPHERE HERE TO CREATE A HOLMFIELD ADVANTAGE FOR THE TEAM.

THE BLUE JAYS GET FAN SUPPORT FOR THEIR FINAL HOME STAND WITH 30,000 SPECTATORS ALLOWED AT THE ROGERS CENTRE.

WE BEGIN AT A MINE NEAR SUDBURY ONTARIO WHERE THE DRAMATIC RESCUE OPERATION CONTINUES AT THIS TIME.

AT LEAST 27 OF 39 MINERS TRAPPED UNDERGROUND SINCE SUNDAY MORNING HAVE CLIMBED TO THE SURFACE.

CTV NEWS SPOKE TO ONE OF THEM EARLY THIS MORNING AFTER HE GOT OUT.

IT WASN'T LIKE A CAVE IN OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
NOBODY WAS IN HARM'S WAY OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
IT WAS JUST LONG.
WE STAYED POSITIVE AND CRACKED JOKE AND STUFF LIKE THAT.
THE WORKERS HAVE BEEN STUCK SINCE SUNDAY.
THE MINERS ARE WORKING WITH RESCUE TEAMS USING A LADDER SYSTEM CLIMBING THEM AS FAR DOWN AS 1,200 METRES, TWICE THE LENGTH OF THE CN TOWER.
>> IT'S A LONG CLimb.
IT'S PRETTY STEEP.
IT'S PRETTY WET.
IT WAS A GOOD CLIMB.
>> YEAH, WE HAD TO TAKE A COUPLE OF BREAKS AND WHATNOT. TOOK US SOMEWHERE AROUND TWO HOURS, AN HOUR AND 40 MINUTES TO CLIMB OUT.
>> Marcia: ANYONE NOT ABLE TO MAKE THE CLIMB WILL BE PULLED UP WITH ROPES.
EVERYONE IS WEARING HARNESSSES FOR THEIR SAFETY.
LET'S GO OUTSIDE THE MINE.
JOHN VENNAVALLY-RAO IS STANDING BY WITH THE VERY LATEST.
JOHN, GOOD MORNING.
GREAT NEWS THAT 27 MINERS ARE OUT.
WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW WITH THE RESCUE OPERATION?
WHAT'S THE LATEST?
>> WELL, IT'S CONTINUING, YOU CAN SEE THE MINE IN BEHIND ME WHERE THE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN GOING ON ALL NIGHT LONG.
MORE THAN 27 ARE NOW OUT. THEY HAVE BEEN COMING OUT GRADUALLY THIS MORNING.
APPELLANTLY THEY EXPECT THAT ALL 39 WILL BE OUT BY LATER THIS MORNING.
THE FIRST ONES WHO DID GET OUT LAST NIGHT, THEY GOT TO THE SURFACE AROUND 12:30.
WE SPOKE TO A FEW OF THEM AS THEY LEFT THE MINE.
THESE WERE CONTRACTORS.
THEY WERE STUCK AT ABOUT THE 1,850 FOOT LEVEL BELOW GROUND.
THEY HAD TO CLIMB 90 STOREYS, SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IN ORDER TO GET OUT.
THEY TALKED A BIT ABOUT THAT. THAT WAS PHYSICALLY DEMANDING OBVIOUSLY.
AS YOU PLAYED IN THAT CLIP OF ONE OF THE WORKERS THERE, THEY WEREN'T TERRIBLY WORRIED ABOUT THEIR SITUATION.
THEY FELT SAFE.
IT WAS JUST THE PHYSICAL DEMAND OF HAVING TO CLIMB UP THAT MASSIVE LADDER SYSTEM IN ORDER TO GET TO THE SURFACE.

>> Marcia: JOHN, TELL US MORE ABOUT WHY THEY WERE STUCK DOWN THERE.
WHAT HAPPENED INSIDE THE MINE?

>> WELL, SO IT SOUNDS LIKE ABOUT NOON ON SUNDAY, THERE'S LIKE AN ELEVATOR SYSTEM.
THEY WERE TAKING DOWN A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT INCLUDING A LARGE SCOOP, VERY, VERY LARGE SCOOP.
THAT APPARENTLY DETACHED IT SOUNDS LIKE FROM THE ELEVATOR SYSTEM.
WENT DOWN INTO THE SHAFT.
DAMAGED THE SHAFT AND GOT LODGED INTO THE SHAFT.
THAT ELEVATOR SYSTEM ESSENTIALLY BECAME INOPERABLE.
THEY TRIED TO SEE IF THEY COULD GET IT RESTORED.
THEY HAD DRONES IN THE SHAFT. TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW THEY COULD GET THAT SCOOP OUT.
THAT WAS NOT GOING TO WORK AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING.
AND SO THEY DECIDED THAT ALL 39 WHO WERE UNDERGROUND WOULD HAVE TO GO OUT USING THIS LADDER SYSTEM.
THE ONES THAT WERE FURTHEST DOWN WERE ABOUT 3,100 FEET, MORE THAN 150 STOREYS.
THEY HAD TO AGAIN CLIMB OUT.
IT'S A VERY LONG PROCESS.
IT WAS EXPECTED TO TAKE 5 OR 6
HOURS.
REALLY THE OPERATIONS BEGAN MORE THAN 12 HOURS AGO.
IT'S BEEN QUITE SOME TIME.
APPARENTLY, YOU KNOW, THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE SOME BREAKS AS THEY GO ALONG UP THE LADDERS.
AS ONE OF THE LEVELS THERE'S DOCTORS AS WELL AS RESCUE WORKERS TO ASSIST THEM.
A VERY LONG PROCESS.
BY LATER THIS MORNING IT'S EXPECTED EVERYONE WILL BE OUT.
>> Marcia: THEY EXPECT EVERYBODY TO BE OUT.
AS FOR THE HEALTH OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ESCAPE THE MINE, JOHN, ARE THEY OKAY?
>> THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THE INCIDENT.
AS FAR AS WE KNOW, EVERYBODY'S FINE.
YOU KNOW, SOME OF THE WORKERS UNDERGROUND, THEY ARE OF VARYING PHYSICAL CONDITION.
SOME ARE IN BETTER SHAPE THAN OTHERS.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF THEM WERE ASSISTED MAYBE WITH SOME SLINGS AND WINCHES, THAT KIND OF THING.
MAY ALSO EXPLAIN WHY IT'S TAKEN SO LONG FOR THEM TO GET TO THE SURFACE.
AS FAR AS WE UNDERSTAND THERE'S BEEN NO INJURIES.
THERE WAS AMBULANCES HERE OVERNIGHT OBVIOUSLY ON STANDBY.
WE HAVEN'T HEARD OF ANYBODY HAVING ANY KIND OF PROBLEM.
>> Marcia: JOHN VENNAVALY-RAO OUTSIDE THAT MINE.
JOHN, THANK YOU SO MUCH.
KEEP US POSTED.
LET'S US KNOW IF ANYTHING CHANGES.
WITH ME NOW IS BRIAN BIGGAR, THE MAYOR OF SUDBURY.
Mr. MAYOR THANKS FOR BEING WITH US.
WHAT DO YOU KNOW SO FAR ABOUT
THE STATUS OF THE MINERS?
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU GOT
AN UPDATE?
>> WELL, PROBABLY ABOUT A HALF
HOUR AGO.
I UNDERSTAND AT THAT TIME THERE
WERE 27 MINERS THAT HAD COME
BACK TO SURFACE.
THAT'S REALLY GOOD NEWS.
THEY CONTINUE ON.
>> Marcia: WHEN YOU FIRST HEARD
THAT THE MINERS WERE STUCK, WHAT
WENT THROUGH YOUR MIND?
>> YOU REALLY HOPE THAT IT'S NOT
A PROBLEM WITH THE MINE.
YOU HOPE THAT EVERYONE IS SAFE.
NO INJURIES AND SO THAT IS THE
CASE.
IT APPARENTLY WAS A PROBLEM WITH
THE CAGE OR IN LAYMAN'S TERMS
THE ELEVATOR.
THERE ARE REALLY TWO WAYS IN AND
OUT OF A MINE.
ONE IS WITH THAT CAGE SYSTEM AND
THE OTHER IS THROUGH A SERIES OF
LADDERS.
>> Marcia: WHAT CHALLENGES HAVE
THE CREWS FACED WITH THE RESCUE?
>> WELL, YOU KNOW, HONESTLY, I
HAVEN'T BEEN ON-SITE WITH THE
MINE RESCUE TEAMS.
BUT THE CHALLENGES ARE JUST THE
EXTREME HEIGHT FROM WHERE
THEY'RE STANDING.
MANY OF THEM WERE BEYOND 3,000
FEET BELOW SURFACE.
WE'RE TALKING DOUBLE THE HEIGHT
OF THE CN TOWER CLIMBING A
SERIES OF LADDERS.
>> Marcia: THE COMMUNITY IS
HOLDING THEIR COLLECTIVE BREATH
WAITING FOR EVERYONE TO GET OUT.
WHAT ARE YOU HEARING FROM PEOPLE
IN SUDBURY AND THIS SURROUNDING
AREA, MAYOR?
>> WELL, YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY
EVERYONE IS WATCHING THIS VERY,
VERY CLOSELY.
YOU KNOW, WE WILL BREATHE A
GREAT SIGH OF RELIEF AND TO THE MINE RESCUE TEAMS ONCE EVERYONE IS OUT OF THE MINE SAFELY. OF COURSE, THERE WILL BE PEOPLE RETURNING TO DO REPAIRS TO THAT CAGE SYSTEM. ONE OF THE THINGS IN TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY IS THEY DO HAVE AN LTE SYSTEM. THE MINERS ARE ABLE TO BE IN CONTACT WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND REASSURE THEM. THEY'RE JUST FINE. IT'S JUST GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME TO GET TO THE SURFACE. >> Marcia: YEAH. DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE DOWN THERE, MAYOR? >> I HAVE BEEN DOWN THERE. IN FACT, IT WAS QUITE PEACEFUL. YOU KNOW, THE AIR IS GOOD. IT'S -- YOU KNOW, IT'S ACTUALLY A VERY NICE ENVIRONMENT. THEY HAVE BEEN DOWN THERE FOR MORE THAN 48 HOURS NOW. AS I SAID, EVERYONE'S, YOU KNOW, WATCHING TO SEE THAT THEY ALL COME OUT SAFELY IN GOOD HEALTH. >> Marcia: YEAH, YEAH. BRIAN BIGGER IS THE MAYOR OF SUDBURY, ONTARIO. MAYOR THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE'RE CONTINUING TO FOLLOW THIS STORY AND WE'RE THINKING OF ALL OF YOU RIGHT NOW. APPRECIATE IT. WE WANT TO TURN NOW TO QUEBEC. SOMBER EVENTS WILL BE HELD THERE TODAY. IT'S BEEN ONE YEAR SINCE JOYCE ECHAQUAN DIED, THE 37-YEAR-OLD MOTHER LIVE STREAMED HER EXPERIENCE AT THE JOLIETTE HOSPITAL. SHE WAS MOCKED WITH RACIST TAUNTS. SHE CAPTURED HER OWN DEATH. THAT VIDEO WENT VIRAL. THE COUNCIL OF THE ATIKAMEKW NATION WANTS TO GUARANTEE ALL
INDIGENOUS THE RIGHT TO
EQUITABLE ACCESS TO SOCIAL AND
HEALTH SERVICES WITHOUT
DISCRIMINATION.

> LAST WEEK'S CANADA'S
CATHOLIC BISHOPS APOLOGIZED FOR
GRAVE ABUSES AT RESIDENTIAL
SCHOOLS.
NOW THEY HAVE PLEDGED $30
MILLION TO SUPPORT HEALING AND
RECONCILIATION.
WELL, NOW SURVIVORS AND
INDIGENOUS LEADERS ARE WEIGHING IN ON THAT APOLOGY.
CTV'S JOSH CRABB HAS THE LATEST.

> Reporter: GERALD McIVER IDENTIFIES AS A VICTIMS NOT A SURVIVOR BECAUSE OF WHAT HE WENT THROUGH AS A CHILD.
> THE ABUSE, THE DENIAL OF OUR IDENTITY, OUR LANGUAGES, OUR CULTURE.

> Reporter: FOR FOUR YEARS HE ATTENDED THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL RUN BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HIS HOME COMMUNITY OF SANDY BAY FIRST NATION.
ON FRIDAY, THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS APOLOGIZED FOR THE CHURCH'S ROLE IN THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SYSTEM.
McIVER FEELS THE APOLOGY WILL DO LITTLE TO HELP PEOPLE STILL LIVING WITH THE ONGOING LEGACY OF TRAUMA AND SUFFERING.
> IT NEVER LEAVES YOU.
THE SAD THING ABOUT IT IS EVERYTHING COMES HOME WITH YOU.
IT CAME HOME WITH THE STUDENTS.
> Reporter: MANY DID NOT RETURN HOME.
IT'S ESTIMATED THOUSANDS DIED WHILE ATTENDING RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS BROUGHT ONCE AGAIN TO THE COUNTRY’S ATTENTION EARLIER THIS YEAR WITH THE DISCOVERY OF UNMARKED GRAVES AT FORMER RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SITES.
IN A STATEMENT RELEASED FRIDAY
THE BISHOPS EXPRESSED THEIR PROFUND Remorse AND APOLOGIZED UNEquivocALLY TO INDIGENOUS