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>> Announcer: CTV NEWS WITH CAROLINE VAN VLAARDINGEN.

>> Caroline: GOOD EVENING. CANADA'S PRIME MINISTER IS STANDING BY UKRAINE'S PRESIDENT AFTER A SHOCKING TURN OF EVENTS IN THE OVAL OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY.

AN EXCHANGE BETWEEN UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT VOLODYMYR ZELENSKYY AND U.S. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP IMPLoded IN FRONT OF THE CAMERAS.

>> President Donald Trump: YOU'VE DONE A LOT OF TALKING. YOUR COUNTRY IS IN BIG TROUBLE SKI McKENNA.

>> President Donald Trump: YOU ARE NOT WINNING THIS. YOU HAVE A DAMN GOOD CHANCE OF COMING OUT OKAY BECAUSE OF US SPENT WE ARE STAYING IN OUR COUNTRY STAYING STRONG FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE WORLD WE BEEN A LONG. WE ARE THANKFUL.

>> President Donald Trump: YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ALONE. WE GAVE YOUR STUPOR PRESIDENT \$350 BILLION. WE GIVE YOU MILITARY EQUIPMENT. >> WITH THE WORLD WATCHING AND TEMPERS FLARING VICE PRESIDENT J.D. VANCE JUMPED INTO THE FRAY WHICH ONLY ESCALATED THE SITUATION'S.

YOU'RE GAMBLING WITH THE LIVES OF BILLIONS OF PEOPLE. GAMBLING WITH WORLD WAR III, GAMBLING WITH WORLD WAR III AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS VERY DISRESPECTFUL TO THE COUNTRY THIS COUNTRY.

A FAR MORE THAN A LOT OF PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE SAID THANK YOU ONCE? IN THIS ENTIRE MEETING HAVE YOU SAID THANK YOU?

HE WENT TO PENNSYLVANIAN CAMPAIGN FOR THE OPPOSITION IN OCTOBER ALL FOR WORDS OF APPRECIATION FROM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND A PRESIDENT WHOSE TRYING TO SAVE YOUR COUNTRY.

>>> HERE IN MONTREAL UKRAINIANS WATCHING SAID IT SHOULD SERVE AS

A WARNING TO THE WORLD.
>> TO YELLENNNA PRESIDENT
DEFENDING HIS COUNTRY FOR THREE
YEARS AGAINST RUSSIA, TO YELL AT
HIM AND TELL HIM HE'S NOT READY
FOR PEACE AND HAVE NOTHING TO
SAY ABOUT RUSSIA, I THINK THAT
IT'S WHAT EVERYBODY IS SAYING IN
THE COMMUNITY IS THE EUROPEANS
AND CANADIANS WATCH IT.

WE SEE IN THE REST OF THE WORLD
ARE SEE WHEN WE'RE HAVING OUR
DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS
WE ARE SEEING YOU'RE BEGINNING
TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO
LIVE NEXT DOOR TO A NEIGHBOUR
THAT'S TURNING ON YOU.

>> Caroline: A LOT OF THE
POINT ZELENSKYY WAS TRYING TO
MAKE JUST BEFORE THE MEETING
EXPLODED WAS HE NEEDED TO
GUARANTEE OF SECURITY GIVEN
RUSSIA'S PAST INVASIONS OF
CRIMEA AND UKRAINE.

THIS EVENING JUSTIN TRUDEAU
TWEETED THIS.

RUSSIA ILLEGALLY AND
UNJUSTIFIABLY INVADED UKRAINE.
FOR THREE YEARS UKRAINIANS HAVE
FOUGHT WITH COURAGE AND
RESILIENCE.

THEIR FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY AND
SOVEREIGNTY IS A FIGHT THAT
MATTERS TO US ALL.

CANADA WILL CONTINUE TO STANDARD
UKRAINE AND UKRAINIANS IN
ACHIEVING A JUST AND LASTING
PEACE.

>>> ALL OF THE CANDIDATES FIRING
FOR LEADERSHIP OF THE LIBERAL
PARTY ALSO VOICED THEIR SUPPORT
FOR THE UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT
TONIGHT AND AFTER THE MEETING
ENDED ZELENSKYY WAS ORDERED OUT
OF THE WHITE HOUSE AND THERE'S
LOTS OF SHOCK AND AWE OVER THE
DISINTEGRATION OF THE MEETING
BETWEEN UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT BY
THE U.S. PRESIDENT AND
VICE PRESIDENT HEAR, HEAR'S
POLITICAL AND ASKED RAPHAËL
MELANÇON.

>> THIS IS SOMETHING OF NEVER
SEEN EVER IN MY ENTIRE LIFE AS A
POLITICAL OBSERVER.
AND I THINK EVERY 30 RIGHT NOW

IN THE WHOLE WORLD IS KIND OF STUNNED.

WHERE IS THIS GOING AND WILL THIS BE LIKE THAT FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS?

IT IS HIGHLY WORRISOME AND IF ANYONE HAD ANY DOUBTS SINCE DONALD TRUMP WENT BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE THAT THIS WAS A BULLY THEN WE HAVE A VERY CERTAIN CONFIRMATION TODAY THAT THIS PRESIDENT IS A BULLY INTO THE REST OF THE WORLD.

HE'S NO LONGER THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD.

IS NO LONGER DEFENDING DEMOCRACIES OR FREEDOM CLEARLY. HE IS SIDING WITH THE BAD GUYS AND WITH DICTATORS OF THIS WORLD AND SOME OF THE WORST WAR CRIMINALS WE HAVE SEEN IN RECENT HISTORY AND THAT'S A SHAME FOR THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES.

>> MEANTIME THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IS EXTENDING THE TIMELINE FOR UKRAINIANS IN CANADA WHO FLED RUSSIA'S INVASION TO APPLY FOR NEW OR RENEWED TEMPORARY VISAS. THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR NEW OR RENEWED WORK AND STUDY PERMITS IS MARCH 31st, 2026.

NEARLY 300,000 UKRAINIANS HAVE COME TO CANADA UNDER THE PROGRAM THE TEMPORARY VISA PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO HELP UKRAINIANS FLEE THE WAR AND RETURN HOME ONE SAFE TO DO SO.

>>> TONIGHT IS THE FIRST NIGHT OF RAMADAN AND TODAY IT BECAME CLEAR THE CAQ GOVERNMENT WANTS TO EXPAND IT'S SECULARISM LAW. IT COMES AFTER REPORT ON THE STATE OF SECULARISM IN SEVERAL SCHOOLS AND REPORTS OF INTIMIDATION BY A GROUP OF TEACHERS THAT BEDFORD SCHOOL AND KOOTENAYS.

THE REPORT MADE PUBLIC TODAY REVEALED AN INVESTIGATION TO 17 QUEBEC SCHOOLS ACCUSED OF VIOLATING THE PROVINCE'S SECULARISM RULES AND EVEN THOUGH IT FOUND NO BREACH OF BILL 21 FOR THE MAJORITY OF COMPLAINTS THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO EXPAND

THAT BAND TO OTHER EMPLOYEES IN SCHOOLS.

HERE SOME OF THE REACTIONS YOU GOT TODAY TO THE IDEA OF EXPANDING TO OTHER EMPLOYEES.

>> WE ALREADY CANNOT ATTRACT OUR WORKERS.

THERE'S A BIG SHORTAGE.

THESE ARE NOT WELL PAID EMPLOYEES.

IN FACT, THEY ARE THE LOWEST PAID IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM ARE AMONG THE LOWEST PAID IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM AND IF THERE ARE RULES PUT IN THE BLOCKS THEM FROM BEING ABLE TO WORK THAT SHORTAGE WILL GET WORSE.

THAT MEANS THE SERVICES WOULD BE GLUTTON.

>> IF THERE IS ISSUES OR CONCERNS ABOUT HOW PEOPLE ARE BEHAVING WORK YOU ADDRESS THOSE THINGS.

YOU DON'T TRY TO LEAVE PEOPLE OUT OF JOBS BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE THE WAY THEY LOOK OR BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE MAY BE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE WAY THEY LOOK.

EVEN WHEN IN THE SAME REPORT YOU'RE RECOMMENDING YOU TAKE AWAY THE RIGHTS THE SAME REPORT SAYS THERE IS IN FACT PROBLEMS THAT CAN BE OBSERVED.

>> THE BIGGEST HARM IS THE LACK OF BEING ABLE TO EXPRESS ONE'S RELIGIOUS FAITH TO THE WAY THEY BELIEVE AND ASPIRE TO SORT IMPACTS RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS AND IMPACTS QUALITY OF PEOPLE'S FUNDAMENTAL DIGNITY SKIN AT THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA HAS SAID IT WILL HEAR A COURT CHALLENGE ON THE ORIGINAL BILL 21.

FRANCOIS LEGAULT HAS NAMED NEW MINISTER TO TAKE OVER CYBERSECURITY AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY FILE.

[SPEAKING FRENCH]

>> Caroline: THE MNA JOE BELANGER TAKES OVER FROM ÉRIC CAIRE.

HE RESIGNED YESTERDAY OVER THE DOGE SCANDAL OVER THEIR INSURANCE BOARD.

REPORT FROM OTTER GENERAL SAID

THE SYSTEM IS A FAILURE WITH A COST THAT ROSE FROM \$600 MILLION TO OVER A BILLION DOLLARS.

>>> AT 21-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS STABBED AND LOWER BODY TODAY DOWNTOWN.

POLICE SAY THE EVENT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 7:00 P.M.

ACCORDING TO WITNESSES A FIGHT BROKE OUT BETWEEN MULTIPLE PEOPLE IN THE 21-YEAR-OLD WAS INJURED.

HE'S IN HOSPITAL AND NOT COOPERATING WITH POLICE.

>>> OTTAWA ANNOUNCE NEW MONEY TODAY TOWARDS YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION IN SAINT LEONARD. IT WILL GET \$1.5 MILLION OVER FIVE YEARS.

THE ORGANIZATION WILL OFFER PROGRAMS TO PREVENT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM JOINING GANGS THROUGH WORKSHOPS SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

>>> THE RCMP HAS MADE FOUR ARRESTS FOLLOWING A RAID ON A LAB IN THE LAURENTIANS.

THE RCMP ARE ON SITE OR WERE ON SITE TODAY DISMANTLING THE LAB. IT WAS INSIDE A RESIDENTIAL GARAGE IN THE TOWN OF GORE. OFFICERS SEIZED LARGE QUANTITIES OF CHEMICALS AND EQUIPMENT USED IN MAKING THE DRUGS.

>>> MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL UNVEIL RESULTS FROM LAST YEAR BUT TODAY WAS MORE FOCUSED ON THE MONTHS TO COME UNDER THE THREAT OF U.S. TARIFFS.

OLIVIA O'MALLEY HAS THAT.

>> Reporter: THE CITY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPING AGENCY SAYS THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S TERROR THREATS HAVE ALREADY PUT A CHILL ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT HERE IN MONTREAL.

>> WE ARE NOT AT THE LEAVING LEVEL.

WHAT WE SEE IS SOME COMMITTEES WHO HAD PROJECTS WHAT THEY DO IS THEY WAIT AND SEE.

>> Reporter: THE AGENCY PULLED SUBSIDIARIES OPERATING THE GREATER MONTREAL REGION ABOUT THEIR INTENTIONS FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

A MAJORITY SAY TARIFFS WILL HAVE
A MAJOR IMPACT.
ONLY NINE% SAY THEY WOULD HAVE
NO EFFECT ON THEIR BUSINESS.
AS A RESULT MANY PROJECTS ARE ON
HOLD.

>> THERE'S THIS PLAN TO INVEST
200 MILLION IN GREATER MONTREAL
AND WHAT THEY'RE SAYING IS WILL
WAIT A LITTLE BIT TO SEE WHAT IS
REALLY GOING ON.

>> Reporter: MAYOR VALÉRIE
PLANTE WILL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON
NEXT WEEK.
SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED ACCOMPANIED
BY OTHER QUEBEC MAYORS INCLUDING
LAVAL STEPHANE BOYER.
SHE SAID WE HAVE TO TALK TO
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO MAKE SURE
WE ARE PROTECTING HER BUSINESS
RELATIONSHIPS AND LOCAL
ECONOMIES.

IN 2024 CAN FORM INVESTORS
INJECTED TO \$.7 BILLION INTO THE
GREATER MONTREAL ECONOMY.
ONE-THIRD OF THOSE INVESTORS
WERE FROM THE UNITED STATES.
AREAS INVESTIGATED INCLUDE
CLEANTECH, ENERGY TRANSITION,
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND LIFE
SCIENCES.

NANO ONE MATERIALS IS INVESTING
\$63 MILLION IN CANDIAC.
THE COMPANY IS DEVELOPING NEW
WAYS TO MAKE POWDERS USED IN
LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES.
AND IT'S WORKING TO BRING
INVESTORS AND PARTNERS TO THE
PROVINCE.