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Ramadan Mubarak and Happy Eid AL-Fiter to all Muslims

ONTARIAN NEW PREMIER KATHLEEN WYNNE-R

Al Mersal Toronto Press- The Ontario's snap election that was triggered when the NDP'S Andrea Horwath refused to support the minority Liberals' budget cost the province over \$90 million.



In an election where Tim Hudak's lost terribly, the Liberals delivered a stinging rebuke to the Conservatives, robbing the party of 10 seats and forcing its leader to step down in defeat. Despite a hard-fought campaign rife with accusations of corruption, incompetence and jaundiced voters. Wynne a former community

activist and school board trustee becomes the first elected female premier in Ontario history, and the first elected openly gay premier in Canadian history. She powered Ontario's minority Liberals past a legacy of

scandal defying almost all predictions. Winning 59 seats, Hudak's Conservatives took 27 and the New Democrats 21. The ballot - counting began amid palpable uncertainty about whether

the snap election, called more than a month ago, would change anything. Even the premier herself appeared taken aback at the magnitude of her win.

"Whoa! We did it!" a beaming, gleeful Wynne told cheering supporters in Toronto.

"You voted for jobs, you voted for growth. Thank you for voting to build Ontario up,"

"We are going to build Ontario up for everyone in this province, everyone. We're not going to leave anyone behind," she continued.

"You have put your trust in us and we will *continue, Pages 2-3*



By: Harry Ziad Malawi

During the holy month of Ramadan, Muslims from around the World undergo a physical and mental abstinence known as fasting. From dawn until sunset, Muslims will refrain from eating, drinking, partaking in sexual activity, speaking or acting in any obscene manner, or indulging the mind and heart other than the remembrance of Allah.

In other words, for a period of 30 days, Muslims focus on devoting themselves to steady prayer and self-control. This period of self-denial requires an incredible force of willpower, yet millions of Muslims worldwide rise to the challenge. The most addicted smokers will give up their habit in order to comply with the rules of fasting. Even those with the occasional outburst of road rage, will simply grit their teeth and mutter a word "Please watch it, you cut me off." rather than the usual hand gesture.

This year, Ramadan falls on the longest and hottest day in July. Many Muslims will feel the thirst and hunger and some may break their fast. However, Ramadan is always a blessing and somehow God will provide and he will help all those who want to carry on their task. For those who can't fast, there are exemptions as God said in the Holy Quran

يريد الله بكم اليسر ولا يريد بكم العسر
 Allah wants ease for you not hardship

For the sick, the young children and the unable, there are exemptions. There are also exemptions and substitutions for the travellers, for the women who are pregnant, nursing, or on their cycle.

For the faithful and the strong, fasting is a unique and rewarding spiritual experience, that can't be compared to any other deed that Muslims partake. This determination to better one's self as a Muslim and humanitarian is so strong that

one cannot help but feel proud at the accomplishment. For 30 days Muslims can experience the joys of belonging to a community who pray, fast and break-fast in unison. They can sympathize with those who are less fortunate by suffering as they suffer.

They can act on this sympathy by offering a meal for people in need and physically making a contribution to assist others. The spiritual blessings received during Ramadan are so enormous that even those most distant from their faith will surrender to God. For being more concerned about how God perceives them rather than bow to external pressures from society. Most of all, for setting an example to all those channel surfers who display an outstanding force of will power and yet do not go the extra mile unless asked to do so.

It is this which highlights the true beauty of Ramadan - its ability to unite a community and people, and to encourage an attitude of peace and generosity. If excelling as a faithful believer and good humanitarian for 30 days reaps such rewards, then it would only be a disservice to us to keep such behavior dormant for another 335 days.

We must remember that if GOD wanted us to follow blindly, if education and learning was a bad thing, creating animals would have sufficed. There is nothing greater than worshiping GOD, regardless of which way, religion, or denomination that you may believe. Standing before Him in prayer, fasting with your heart, your mind and your soul, is a wonderful and spiritual for the soul and the mind. May God accept your fasting, your prayers, your supplications, your Zaka (charities) and may God Bless you all, Amin!

GENETICS TAILORING

By: Lana Richards
 "By The Book" TV Cogeco

People should be able to make an array of choices, but depending on how you look at it. Are we are moving closing to the point of playing God, with the creation of three-parent embryos? Call it what you may, precision eugenics, or designers babies, this new type of in-vitro fertilization procedure allows people to shop for specific traits of their offspring, allowing doctors to transfer mitochondrial DNA from one woman

into the egg of another thus creating a baby with three parent. The method was basically intended to assist women with "mitochondrial disease," against severe birth defects. We have been infusing science into baby making for numerous years, And numerous scientists who are lobbying for mitochondrial replacement, states that there is nothing to fear. As genetic tailoring involves the same risks associated with old-fashioned reproduction. Then is it

hard not to wonder what the argument is really about? But what happens when we all want the same traits in a child, and how many of us can afford to buy the right type of DNA to craft the ideal child?

Both the U.K. and U.S. are currently debating permitting clinical trials of this technique. In Britain at this time, national law prohibits altering the germ line, but Parliament is very likely to vote in the future on whether to allow mitochondrial



replacement to move forward. The F.D.A. on the other hand, held a meeting recently to examine the possibility of allowing clinical trials. If either country approves, it will be the first medical procedure permitting genetic material of three people for reproduction.

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not let you down."

Within an hour of the result becoming clear, Tim Hudak — whose austerity platform of smaller government and public-sector job cuts ran smack into a voter brick wall — said he'd resign as leader as soon as a successor is chosen.

"We did not receive the results that we wanted," Hudak told dejected supporters. And "Nobody should take this result as an endorsement of the status quo."

Wynne said she still believes that her government can find common ground with the opposition in a shared desire to make the economy stronger, to improve transportation and to give all Ontarians the same opportunities.

My cabinet is very aware, as is my caucus, that we're going to be working collaboratively with the opposition to the greatest extent possible."

The new premier was quick to defend the size of her cabinet — which came under immediate

THE NEW KATHLEEN WYNN GOVERNMENT



attack from the opposition for increasing in size by five ministers to 27 — saying it reflects her many priorities

Wynne is replacing Dalton McGuinty, who led the province for nine

years. The ceremony at the Ontario legislature also saw a number of Wynne's leadership rivals and Liberal backbenchers take key cabinet positions. There are ten

newcomers in Premier Kathleen Wynne's 27-member cabinet, including Guelph's Liz Sandals who takes on the politically sensitive education portfolio.

Other new ministers

include:

- Peterborough's Jeff Leal in the new Ministry of Rural Affairs
- Sudbury's David Oraziotti becomes Minister of Natural Resources

• David Zimmer of Toronto takes on the stand-alone Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

• Rezi Moridi of Richmond Hill is the Minister of Research and Innovation

• Ottawa's Yasir Naqvi, the Liberal party president, is also Minister of Labour

• Toronto's Michael Coteau becomes Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

• Tracy MacCharles of Scarborough is Minister of Consumer Services

• Windsor's Teresa Piruzza is Minister of Children and Youth Services

• And Mario Sergio of Toronto becomes Minister Responsible for Seniors

Premier Wynne puts Mississauga South MPP Charles Sousa in the finance file, where he vowed to stick to the Liberal plan of balancing the budget by 2017.

While the Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli confirmed that the auditor

THE NEW CABINET MEMBERS: NAMES, PICTURES, TITLE'S & POSITIONS

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KATHLEEN WYNNE GOVERNMENT SWEARING IN CEREMONY CONTINUES



general will release his report on the cancelled gas plants in Oakville and Mississauga within five to six weeks.

Chiarelli said he has always worked well with the opposition, and hopes to continue in that vein despite the potential conflict in that difficult portfolio.

The minister said his focus would be on the province's long-term energy plan.



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JORDAN'S AMBIGUOUS SYRIA POLICY



By: Marwan Muasher
Former Foreign Minister of Jordan

Jordan is struggling to perform a delicate balancing act as a result of the Syrian quagmire. On the one hand, the continuation of the conflict will exacerbate Jordan's serious political, security, economic, and demographic problems. On the other, the conflict's end could preserve or bring to power antagonistic forces in Damascus, particularly if the Assad regime survives or is replaced by radical members of the opposition hostile to Jordan. Attempting to strike the appropriate balance, Amman is increasingly pursuing a policy of supporting neither the regime nor the opposition, while quietly working to help resolve the conflict through all possible means—both political and military—that do not endanger its interests.

The government in Jordan has rarely seen eye-to-eye with Syria's Baathist regime. During the tenure of both Hafez al-Assad (who ruled Syria from 1971 to 2000) and his son Bashar, Damascus and Amman have generally supported policies that were in direct opposition to one another. While Syria has offered long-standing

support to radical forces opposed to peace with Israel, such as Hezbollah and Hamas, Jordan has worked proactively with the United States and others in an effort to peacefully resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict. During the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s, Syria supported Iran while Jordan supported Iraq.

Jordan has long been a more influential actor in the Arab world and the international community than its size and resources warrant due to its moderate outlook and proactive, diplomacy-oriented policies—a role that Syria could never accept. Damascus

toppled, Jordan took a daring public stand against the Syrian leader. This move was bolstered by the anti-Assad position of Saudi Arabia, a staunch political ally and financial supporter of the Jordanian government. It appeared then that the Baath regime would soon be replaced by more moderate forces that would be less friendly with Iran, Hezbollah, and Hamas and whose policies would hew closer to those of the Jordanian-Saudi axis. Syria's reign as the spoiler of moderate policies employed by many other Arab governments appeared to finally be over. But Amman's lofty hopes

official estimates, there are as of May 2014 over 1.3 million Syrian refugees and residents in Jordan, comprising around 15 percent of the country's total population. Only 150,000 of those refugees are in designated camps in the north of the country, while the rest are dispersed throughout Jordan with little governmental oversight. Some Jordanian cities that border Syria, such as Mafraq and Ramtha, currently have more Syrians than Jordanians.

The shift in the balance between Jordanians and refugees is exacerbating tensions between the two

serious demographic and political problems for the country.

Following the war in Iraq that began in 2003, a majority of the more than 200,000 Iraqis who fled to Jordan never went back to their home country, even after the conflict abated. Similarly, it appears likely that Syrian refugees will remain in Jordan for the foreseeable future, taxing the country's resources.

What is more, the state has been struggling for decades with determining who is a Jordanian due to the influx of Palestinian refugees who were given Jordanian citizenship following the 1948 war with

in Syria. The return of any of these fighters will pose additional challenges to the country and help further radicalize the Jordanian Salafi movement.

The growing presence in Syria of radical opposition forces aligned with al-Qaeda has also eroded what was once a solid majority of Jordanians in support of the Syrian opposition. While a strong majority of Jordanians continue to have very unfavorable views toward Assad, it's also safe to say that a growing number of Jordanians no longer support overthrowing him, fearful of what comes next.

Though a rapid end to the conflict would help remedy these problems, Jordan can ill-afford a scenario in which Assad wins and subsequently assumes an even more antagonistic political and economic stance toward Amman. Jordan's strategic relationship with Saudi Arabia and the West, as well as its own differences with the Syrian regime, makes reconciliation with Assad virtually impossible. Indeed, the Assad regime has publicly and repeatedly accused Jordan of training anti-Syrian regime fighters on its territory.

Jordan's best bet appears to involve publicly stating its neutrality while quietly supporting and attempting to expedite a process that would replace the current Assad regime with moderate elements from both within the Syrian government and the opposition. That goal has so far proved elusive to countries far more powerful and influential than Jordan, but Amman has few options other than its current ambiguous policy.



viewed Amman as too independent from Syria's self-appointed position of leader of the nationalist, anti-Western discourse in the Arab world.

Yet, the fact that Syria and Jordan are neighbors with significant commercial ties means that the two countries have been careful not to upset their relationship beyond a point of no return.

During the first few months of the Syrian uprising, when it appeared that the Assad regime was in real danger of being

for democratic change in Damascus vanished long ago. The resilience of the Syrian regime (which has been bolstered by heavy support from Russia, Iran, and Hezbollah) and the militarization and radicalization of the opposition have produced a brutal stalemate. The destruction of lives and property has been massive.

The conflict has also created a refugee problem that is of enormous concern to Syria's neighbors, particularly Jordan and Lebanon. According to

communities, particularly as they compete for jobs and scarce resources like water. Jordan faces dire economic conditions, including official unemployment figures hovering around 12 percent. The budget deficit, taking into account energy subsidies, has reached 15 percent of GDP. These economic challenges are only exacerbated as the number of refugees rises.

Of course, Jordan is no stranger to refugees. And in the long run the refugee issue will pose

Israel. With the significant number of Syrians and Iraqis in Jordan—around 20 percent of the country's total population—the issue is even more complicated.

The rise of radical Salafi forces in Syria is also of concern because a new radical Syrian regime on Jordan's borders would pose severe threats to Jordanian security. Amman is already trying to deal with a rising Salafi movement inside its territory, and many of the country's most radical elements are going to fight

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MIDDLE EASTERN NEWS

Palestinian Youth Mohammad Abu Khdair 'WAS BURNED ALIVE'

A Palestinian teenager killed in Jerusalem was burned alive, first post mortem examination findings quoted by the Palestinian attorney-general say.

"The direct cause of death was burns as a result of fire," Mohammed al-A'wey was quoted as saying.

Israeli authorities say the circumstances surrounding the death of Mohammad Abu Khdair, 16, are unclear.

His death followed the abduction and murder of three young Israelis, with violent clashes spreading overnight.

The post mortem examination on Mohammad Abu Khdair was carried out by Israeli doctors, with Saber al-Aloul, the director of the Palestinian forensic institute, in attendance.

The Palestinian official news agency Wafa quoted the attorney-general as saying that Mr Aloul had reported fire dust in the respiratory canal, meaning the victim had "inhaled this material while he was burnt alive".

Mohammad Abu Khdair, who had also



suffered a head injury, had burns to 90% of the body, it was reported. The findings have not been officially released.

Mohammad Abu Khdair's family believe he was killed in revenge for the murders of the three Israeli teenagers.

The bodies of Naftali Frenkel and Gilad Shaar, both aged 16, and 19-year-old Eyal Yifrach were found on 30 June. Their funerals were held on Wednesday.

Thousands attended Mohammad Abu Khdair's funeral on Friday near the family's home in the Shufat district of East Jerusalem.

Hundreds of Palestinian youths clashed with Israeli police in East Jerusalem before and after the funeral.

The clashes continued overnight in the West Bank and spread to Israeli-Arab towns in northern Israel.

Canada Shocked by Abduction and Murder of Palestinian Teenager Mother Grieves

July 2, 2014 - Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird today issued the following statement:

"I am appalled by the reprehensible abduction and murder of a Palestinian teenager from East Jerusalem today. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this trying time.

"While the police have not yet identified his murderers or their motive, nothing can justify such an act. I call for calm and caution all against vigilantism.

"Canada hopes that the perpetrators of this heinous act will be swiftly brought to justice." Protesters in Jerusalem have clashed with police after the body of a Palestinian teenager kidnapped just hours before in East Jerusalem was found.

Palestinian residents reported seeing a teenager Mohammed Abu Khdair, 17, as he was forced into a vehicle outside a supermarket in the Shuafat section of Jerusalem.

His body was later found in the Jerusalem Forest, hours after the abduction. Israel's Ynet web site said the body was that of an Arab, that it was charred and showed signs of violence.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas accused



Israelis of killing Abu Khudair and demanded that Israel "mete out the strongest punishment against the murderers if it truly wants peace".

Hundreds of Palestinians hurled stones at police who responded with tear gas following reports that a body had been discovered.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in a statement, urged police to "to swiftly investigate who was behind the loathsome murder and its motive". He called on all sides "not to take the law into their own hands".

A senior official of the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah movement said the missing teenager's family had identified the corpse as their son. The family was not immediately available for comment.

ISIS TAKES BAGDAD

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of Islamist militant group Isis, has called on Muslims to obey him, in his first video sermon.

Baghdadi has been appointed caliph by the jihadist group, which has seized large swathes of Iraq and Syria.

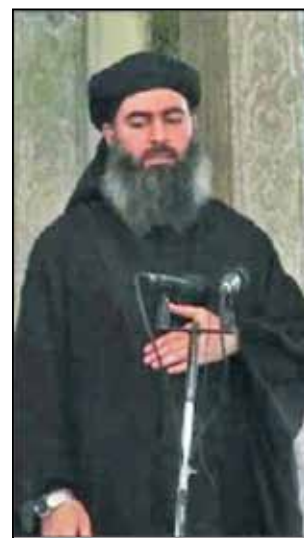
The video appears to have been filmed on Friday during a sermon at the al-Nouri Mosque in Mosul, northern Iraq.

It surfaced on Saturday amid reports that he had been killed or wounded in an Iraqi air raid.

It was not clear when the attack was supposed to have taken place.

In the sermon, at Mosul's most famous landmark, Baghdadi praised the establishment of the "Islamic state", which was declared by Isis last Sunday.

Experts say the reclusive militant leader has never appeared on video before, although there are photographs of



him.

"Appointing a leader is an obligation on Muslims, and one that has been neglected for decades," he said.

He also said that he did not seek out the position of being the caliph, or leader, calling it a "burden".

"I am your leader, though I am not the best of you, so if you see that I am right, support me, and if you see that I am wrong, advise me," he told worshippers.

BIG WIN FOR FIRST NATION

The Supreme Court of Canada has granted the Tsilhqot'in First Nation title to 1,700 sq km of ancestral land in the central part of British Columbia.

The unanimous 8-0 ruling Tsilhqot'in Nation v. British Columbia, overturns British Columbia Court of Appeal decision that had restricted aboriginals to having title only in small areas. It adds conditions that would make it more difficult for developments such as pipelines, mines and forestry to proceed in this resource-rich area without aboriginals consent.

Resource companies have said, recognition of broader territorial title for aboriginals would undermine their ability to attract capital and realize a return on resource projects. Which may have a dramatic impact on the development of the

Northern Gateway pipeline, an oil industry project that will link Alberta's oil sands region

to the Pacific Coast, as the pipeline goes through lands claimed by First Nations groups.

For centuries the Tsilhqot'in Nation, a semi-nomadic grouping of six bands sharing common culture and history, have lived in a remote valley bounded by rivers and mountains in central British Columbia. And is one of hundreds of indigenous groups in B.C. with unresolved land claims. The dispute over the Tsilhqot'in land began in 1983 when British Columbia granted Carrier Lumber Ltd a licence to cut trees in part of the territory at issue. The aboriginals objected and blockaded a bridge the company was upgrading. Twelve years of court wrangling over aboriginal title followed. The Tsilhqot'in group said, the ruling was a victory that took 150 years for

Canada's highest court to agree with the tribes, finding they can claim land even if they used it only some of the time.

HOW WILL THE FUTURE VIEW US?

No matter how benevolent the intention, what we assume is good, right or acceptable in society may change. From slavery to sexism, there's plenty of moving on from the darker days of its parents and ancestors, that can be a kind of myopia.

Far more interesting, we felt, is this question: how will our generation be looked back on? What will our own descendants deplore about us that we take for granted?

The future will be too busy getting on with its present to spend much time looking backwards. But while the early 21st Century belongs to us,

one imperative is clear: we must try to stretch our imaginations beyond present concerns. The science fiction author Greg Bear states our capacity to think about the future is one of our species' most remarkable talents. "Good books change the way we think," he says, "and thus, their futures can't come true—not completely."

The truth is we will never escape some measure of disapproval from our descendants. If, though, we can grasp their possible futures with sufficient faith and rigour, we may achieve the best anyone can hope for: averting the worst, aspiring toward the best, and handing on a culture (if not a planet) in better shape than the one we inherited.

EGYPT RAMADAN'S HANDCRAFTING



Middle Eastern Happy News- During the month of Ramadan. Selected by Al Mersal staff writer: Lana Richards. Photos By: Marwa Morgan



Sunrays filter through rows of glass Ramadan lanterns, spraying colour over the narrow alley in Al-Darb Al-Ahmar. People view the displayed lanterns with admiration as they walk by, but only a few negotiations with shop owners end in a sale.

Using Lanterns in Ramadan celebrations is a tradition that goes back to the Fatimid era. Over the years, lanterns have been used for celebrating Ramadan by both kids and adults. Like many Egyptian business owners, the crafts-

men who make the holiday lanterns are struggling to stay afloat amid economic and political instability. But they also face a unique challenge.

Over the past decade, mass produced toy-shaped lanterns from China have flooded the Egyptian market, slowly suffocating the traditional lantern industry.



The half-metre high traditional handmade lanterns, made of steel or copper, and coloured glass decorated with oriental patterns or calligraphy, take hours to build, but cost almost the same price as the imported toys of the same size. The Chinese lanterns have trendy designs, flashing lights, sounds, and moving parts.

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QUEEN CALLS FOR ACTIVE STEPS TO REDUCE MATERNAL NEWBORN MORTALITY RATES



AMMAN — During a visit to Canada on Thursday, Her Majesty Queen Rania took part in a summit on maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) and witnessed the signing of a letter of intent outlining Canadian support for education in Jordan.

Hosted by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, the three-day summit, titled “Saving Every Woman, Every Child: Within Arm’s Reach”, marks “a significant opportunity to embed the goals and targets related to MNCH into the post-2015 global development framework”, according to a statement from the Queen’s office.

During the event, Her Majesty, who is UNICEF’s first Eminent Advocate for Children and a mother of four,

addressed the audience and said that although maternal deaths have dropped by 45 per cent worldwide and global under-five mortality rate has decreased by almost half, much remains to be done to further decrease these numbers.

“Every minute-and-a-half, a woman dies from complications of pregnancy or childbirth,” she said.

“Every day, 18,000 children under-five die from causes we can prevent, and every year, 2.9 million newborns die. That’s a little more than the population here in Toronto. An additional 2.6 million babies are stillborn. Another Toronto.”

Queen Rania described these statistics as an outrage and an injustice that must not be seen as commonplace.

She outlined several significant approaches that could further reduce maternal and newborn mortality rates.

The Queen also shed light on particular challenges facing MNCH in conflict-affected countries, and asserted the need to reach these areas.

She explained how the civil war in Syria shattered a nation’s health system, and that the care for pregnant women, mothers and their newborns is precarious.

“I’m thinking about the woman who gave birth on the doorstep of a hospital even as the hospital was bombed. Or the woman, just last month, forced to give birth on a Lebanese street because she couldn’t pay the hospital upfront.

“Or the woman so traumatised by the death of her husband and finding shelter for her family, who went into labour at seven months. With no hospital nearby, friends helped to deliver her baby son. He lived for two hours,” Queen Rania said.

She highlighted the need to invest in girls’ education, noting that children of

literate mothers are 50 per cent more likely to survive past the age of five than children of mothers with no schooling.

“Girls and women are the backbone of development progress. That’s why in my time on the high-level panel, we urged that gender equality not only permeate all the new goals but, also, that it be a stand-alone goal.”

This “means that women in the poorest communities, furthest from healthcare, can access basic medical information”, she said.

“It means that community health workers can track pregnancies and connect to doctors. In other words, it means, a doctor in their pocket... a prescription in their hand... and a healthier future at their fingertips.”

The Queen thanked Harper and the Canadian government for hosting the summit, which brings together around 300 participants representing Canadian and international experts, civil society, business, academia, developed and developing countries, international organisations and global foundations.

The Canadian government will support the Ministry of Education through funding pre-service training of teachers, developing an accountability framework, sustaining block grants for continued school improvement and building its capacity.

The Canadian government will also support the Queen

Rania Teachers Academy (QRTA). The funds will help QRTA expand its existing teacher training and network programmes in order to reach thousands of teachers across the Kingdom.

Jordan’s Ambassador to Canada Basheer F. Zoubi and Canada’s Ambassador to Jordan Bruno Saccomani signed the letter.



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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am pleased to extend warm greetings to members of the Muslim community as you mark the first day of Ramadan.

As Ontarians, we treasure our province’s cultural and religious pluralism. It not only serves to define who we are as a people, but also underscores our enduring belief in mutual respect and in freedom of expression. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the contributions of Ontario’s Muslim community — valued contributions which have enhanced the social, cultural, spiritual and economic life of our province.

During this time of fasting, prayer and reflection, I wish to express my support to you as you strive to deepen your spirituality and your cherished values. I would also like to recognize the community’s generosity, which is manifested through the many charitable contributions made during this time.

As you gather with your family and friends to mark the end of each daily fast, know that your devotion to your faith serves to inspire us all.

Please accept my best wishes for a meaningful Ramadan.

Kathleen Wynne

**Kathleen Wynne
Premier**

FEAR & TRUTH



Do we learn from nature how to coexist!?

How beautiful it would be, if people freely lived life with the acceptance of various cultures, different backgrounds, nationalities and beliefs ... their would be harmony. Every culture as a whole is beautiful; like a

He waters, organizes and cleans out the bushes and thorns that grow rapidly within his plants. As the weeds grow at the expense of the beautiful and soft flowers that delight everyone.

This is without exception, whatever its colour, shape, culture or belief ... Will we learn from nature as to how we are to give generously? To all beautiful things without discrimination and with freedom?!



mosaic panel, or as a beautiful garden with a variety of flowers and colours. Each one has beautiful colour, shape and perfume. They are all pleasing and revive the hearts of all visitors. It is life and gives life to others.

But is every one of them truly a Rose!?

Will every culture contribute its advantages without the negatives and together, to live in harmony to form a healthy prosperous society!? A successful and wise gardener does his best to keep up his garden diligently.

When will we reach this level of awareness?! To plant beautiful gardens within and without our country, to choose flowers; ...roses of great quality. Especially in countries that are in need of spring; so beautiful with its delights - all without exception or distinction, accompanied by security and peace. Not a spring of wars, destruction, displacement and/or tragedies ... Peace for all nations... especially to the troubled countries of the world, for everyone deserves to live in peace, security, and dignity...

WE ALL DRINK ON : HOW'S YOUR CUPPA JOE?



Daniel Tang/Via Flickr

Lately instant coffee seems to be in need of a shake-up, and many manufacturers are throwing their hats in the ring.

Never before has there been so many ways for consumers to get a caffeine fix. Combine with the perceptions of instant coffee being lower quality, compared to fresh-brewed single served, and ready to drink alternatives, you've got yourself a product that has lost its "buzz."

In the last few years Keurig and Tassimo machines have revolutionized the way people drink coffee, offering consumers not only the convenience of brewing a single cup but a variety of choices.

Instant coffee has always been about convenience, perhaps less about flavor or quality. By nature, the product is not going to

taste as good as its fresh counterpart, though that's not to say it has to taste bad.

Furthermore, there's something to be said about the differences in the product experience. Instant coffee brings to mind an image of brown powder being spooned into a cup of hot water. While brewing a pot of coffee, feels more comforting and relaxing - you're taking your time, reading the newspaper and enjoying the process. Especially when the aroma of the coffee engulfs you and awakens your senses.

Instant coffee is about keeping it fresh with form and function, it now faces other coffee forms that offer the best of both worlds - convenience and a better product experience. In order to combat this stagnation, manufacturers have been stirring up new features to try and draw in new consumers. Perhaps the most famous example of this is Starbucks Via. Via introduced single-serve packets of instant coffee, rather than the typical canister. And this move wasn't only interesting from a pack perspective: putting the Starbucks brand on instant coffee was putting a claim that the product was up to Starbucks quality standards.

Coffee is one of the most commonly consumed beverages in the world today. And the introduction of Probiotics Instant Coffee seem to be all the rage these days. Truly innovation is on the rampage with: daily supplements, kombucha and yogurt. What a marriage?

Now wake up and smell the coffee...

Nescafé is the global market leader when it comes to instant coffee, and its aiming to reconnect their brand and shake up the status quo with a specific usage experience to delight consumers. Rather than focusing on added benefits or Aflavor changes, they're investing in their cap.

The Nescafé Alarm Cap. These are lids that function as alarm clocks. When it's time to wake up, the cap not only glows but also plays one of seven different sounds. And are turned off only when you open up your Nescafé. Hm.... what a way to start your day!



DRIVER'S PET PEEVES

Nearly all Canadians can admit to having certain 'pet peeves' within their day-to-day life, and Canadian drivers feel no different. According to a survey conducted by Ipsos. Only 5% of Canadians with the ability to drive indicate that they don't have any pet peeves, the remaining 95% stating some of their biggest pet peeves to be; Using cell



phone while driving for talking or texting, tailgating, not indicating lane changes or turns, Pet on driver's lap, driving too slow, and cutting drivers off. Three quarters of those cite on-the-road 'pet peeves' state that they just accept the annoyance and don't let it bother them because they commit common pet peeves themselves. While handfuls of others take more extreme measures, saying they will angrily yell at the culprit of their particular 'pet peeve'.

A LETTER FROM THE HONOURABLE KATHLEEN WYNNE TO CANADIAN ARAB NETWORK - MR. HARRY MALAWI



Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

Dear Mr. Malawi,

Today, 26 Liberal MPPs from all over Ontario took their oaths of office and took their places in your new Cabinet, and I swore my oath of office as your Premier. It marks the official beginning of the work we were elected to do: build Ontario up.

It is an exciting time for our party and our province. You could just feel the forward momentum in the Legislature this afternoon. Every one of our Ministers stood ready to storm out of the gate. They want to get going right away on our plan to create good jobs, and build more opportunity and more security for people everywhere in Ontario.

As I said this afternoon at the swearing-in ceremony, we will not let the people of this great province down. I will lead an open and transparent government that is guided by integrity and informed by the profound responsibility to make life better for everyone across Ontario - from Kenora to Cornwall to Chatham.

The Cabinet team we swore in today reflects the priorities of our party, our province and the government we lead.

1. We will invest in the skills and talents of our people and become North America's leading jurisdiction for talent, skills and training.
2. We will build the roads, bridges and transit systems needed to support economic growth all over Ontario and for all of us to move safely and seamlessly across the province.
3. We will maintain a highly supportive environment for business, and strategically partner with businesses so that communities all over Ontario can win the global competition for new job-creating investments. Underpinning our dynamic business environment are tax rates that will remain internationally competitive and an unwavering commitment to eliminate the deficit by 2017-18 in a fair and balanced manner.
4. For every worker in Ontario, we will secure a comfortable retirement income by creating the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan. Absent leadership from the federal government, we have a responsibility to do the smart thing and the right thing.

To keep the trust that Ontarians have placed in us, and make all people partners in the workable solutions we will bring forward in the days and years ahead, our government will take steps to become more open and more transparent than ever before.

Today we swore in the strong team that will lead our government in delivering its bold plan. Please have a look at the new Cabinet team here.

Thank you once again for all of your hard work over the course of the campaign. You should feel very proud. We simply would not be where we are today without you.

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THE FIRST CHURCH-MOSQUE-SYNAGOGUE...? BERLIN HOUSE OF ONE

Berlin thinks it is making religious history as Muslims, Jews and Christians join hands to build a place where they can all worship. The House of One, as it is being called, will be a synagogue, a church and a mosque under one roof.

The striking design is for a brick building with a tall, square central tower. Off the courtyard below will be the houses of worship for the three faiths - the synagogue, the church and the mosque. It is to occupy a prominent site - Petriplatz - in the heart of Berlin.

The location is highly significant, according to one of the three religious leaders involved, Rabbi Tovia Ben Chorin. "From my Jewish point of view the city where Jewish suffering was planned



is now the city where a centre is being built by the three monotheistic religions which shaped European culture."

The imam, Kadir Sanci, sees the House of One as "a sign, a signal to the world that the great majority of Muslims are peaceful

and not violent". It's also, he says, a place where different cultures can learn from each other.

Each of the three areas in the House will be the same size, but of a different shape, architect Wilfried Kuehn points out.

"Each of the singular

spaces is designed according to the religious needs, the particularities of each faith," he says. "There are for instance two levels in the mosque and the synagogue but there's only one level in the church. There will be an organ in the church. There are places

to wash feet in the mosque." Kuehn says. "It's not necessary for instance for a mosque to have a minaret - it's only a possibility and not a necessity. And a church doesn't need a tower. This is about going back to the origins when these three faiths were

close and shared a lot architecturally".

But that's different from the three faiths worshipping as neighbours under one roof. The idea came from the Christian side of the triangle.

Pastor Gregor Hohberg, a Protestant parish priest, says it will be built where the first church in Berlin, dating back to the 12th Century, was once situated. St Petri's Church was badly damaged at the end of World War Two as the Red Army liberated Berlin. What remained was destroyed in the period after the war by the East German authorities.

"Berlin is a city where people come together from all over the world and we want to give a good example of togetherness."

It was not always the Berlin way.

4 EFFECTIVE WAYS TO DISCIPLINE YOUR CHILD

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends verbal reprimand over corporal punishment.

Discipline should focus on addressing your child's behavior, not insulting or tearing down your child as a person.

Remaining calm and setting a positive, yet firm example can teach your child discipline.

While you may not always realize it, discipline for your child begins as early as infancy. Having your child follow a routine for sleep-wake cycle and feeding is a form of discipline that comforts your child and provides you with some sleep. But as your child progresses into toddlerhood and preschool years, the idea of "discipline" can become uncomfortable, yet at the same time highly necessary.

The AAP breaks discipline down into four portions: recognizing

child development milestones, establishing routines, teaching, and modeling behaviors.

Recognizing child development—The AAP encourages parents to remember that some parts of a child's behavior represent "growing pains" that may be temporarily



unpleasant but are part of a child growing up. From a temper tantrum when he or she doesn't



want to share, to your child's tendency to roam and be curious in your home: these are all part of growing up.

Discipline, in this case, is a matter of taking stress-relieving steps for yourself. Deep breaths, counting to 10, and remembering that your child is finding his or her way in the world could help you. Another AAP recommendation is childproofing your home to reduce temptations. This means keeping delicate objects out of reach and using safety gates to keep your child away from certain areas of

your home.

Establishing routines—Children are predictably unpredictable. They don't have detailed calendars and will mostly go with the flow—but that often does not work for your sleep and/or work schedule. Routines, with the understanding the routine may change, can help. This means giving your child a general idea of sleep/wake, eating, and play times.

Preschoolers respond best when offered some autonomy and choice. For example, you could ask your child what he or she would like for lunch but

not necessarily when they want to eat.

Teaching—The AAP recommends making every effort to use alternative techniques to corporal punishment, such as spanking. Instead, the AAP encourages teaching your child right or wrong with words and through active listening. When your child displays an undesirable action, the AAP recommends taking the following steps:

Immediately explain the problem behavior as calmly as possible.

Provide an immediate consequence that is consistent with past discipline, such as a time-out or removal of privileges.

Reinforce and explain what will happen if your child repeats the behavior and act as you said you would if your child misbehaves.

Preschoolers should be especially encouraged to

express their emotions with words. Teach your child the words to express how he or she is feeling. Encourage him or her to use these words instead of acting out when frustrated.

Modeling behaviors—You've likely heard it many times, but you are your own best role model for your child. If you model behaviors such as restraint when angry, speaking calmly, and carrying through with what you say you will do, your child will likely respond.

The AAP says many verbal reprimands and discipline lose their effectiveness when used too frequently. To obtain the best results from your disciplining, you must focus on the child's behavior and not the child. Doing so can reduce aggressive or oppositional behaviors without the need for corporal punishments.

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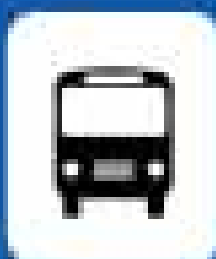
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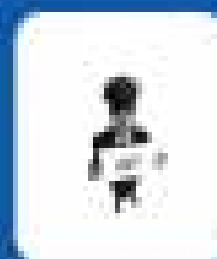
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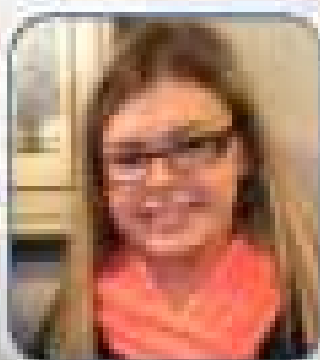
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Ontario's Updated Long-Term Energy Plan

Al Mersal Toronto-Ontario's updated Long-Term Energy Plan, Achieving Balance. The plan encourages conservation and provides the clean, reliable and affordable energy Ontario will need now and into the future. It balances five principles that will guide future decisions: cost effectiveness, reliability, clean energy, community engagement, and an emphasis on conservation before building new generation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ontarians are benefiting from a clean, reliable and affordable energy system.

By the end of 2014, Ontario will be coal free. At the same time, increased energy efficiency and the changing shape of Ontario's economy have reduced the demand for electricity.

Ontario is currently in a strong supply situation and has time to consider how to address future needs. Ontario is committing the resources to meet electricity demand growth that will be lower than anticipated as the economy continues its transition to an efficient, lower energy intensive future. We are ensuring we have the supply to meet the likely demand, and are keeping options open to meet higher demand if needed. We will report annually on the outlook for supply and demand. This will give us the opportunity to make adjustments so we can be both prudent and flexible in our energy investments.

The 2013 Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) takes a pragmatic approach. The plan is designed to balance the following five principles: cost-effectiveness, reliability, clean energy, community engagement and an emphasis on conservation

and demand management before building new generation.

Conservation First

The province expects to offset almost all of the growth in electricity demand to 2032 by using programs and improved codes and standards. This will lessen the need for new supply. Our long-term conservation target of 30 terawatt-hours (TWh) in 2032 represents a 16% reduction in the forecast gross demand for electricity, an improvement over the 2010 LTEP.

Ontario is aiming to use Demand Response (DR) to meet 10% of peak demand by 2025, equivalent to approximately 2,400 megawatts (MW) under forecast conditions. To encourage further development of DR in Ontario, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) will evolve existing DR programs and introduce new DR initiatives. The government will work to make new financing tools available to consumers starting in 2015, including on-bill financing for energy efficiency retrofits.

To help consumers choose the most efficient products for their homes and businesses, Ontario will provide information and incentives; it will also continue to show leadership in establishing minimum efficiency requirements for products such as water heaters, clothes dryers, televisions, fluorescent lamps, motors and boilers.

The Green Button Initiative will give consumers access to their energy data and the ability to connect to mobile and web-based applications so they can analyze and manage their energy use.

Social benchmarking can increase awareness of

energy use and promote conservation. A social benchmarking pilot program is under way, led by the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) to test different approaches that enable consumers to compare their energy consumption with other similar consumers. Pending the success of the pilot program, the government will explore expanding social benchmarking and including other sectors.

The government is also working with Ontario EcoSchools to bring more resources about energy conservation to the curriculum for students and teachers.

Nuclear

Ontario will not proceed at this time with the construction of two new nuclear reactors at the Darlington Generating

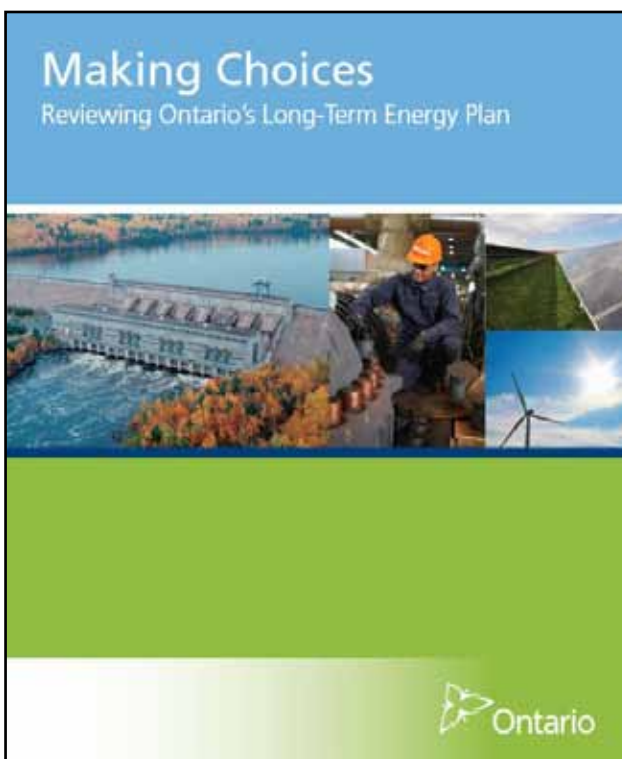
The Pickering Generating Station is expected to be in service until 2020. An earlier shutdown of the Pickering units may be possible depending on projected demand going forward, the progress of the fleet refurbishment program, and the timely completion of the Clarington Transformer Station..

Renewable Energy

By 2025, 20,000 MW of renewable energy will be online, representing about half of Ontario's installed capacity.

Ontario will phase in wind, solar and bioenergy over a longer period than contemplated in the 2010 LTEP, with 10,700 MW online by 2021.

Ontario will add to the hydroelectricity target, increasing the province's portfolio to 9,300 MW by 2025.



Station. However, the Ministry of Energy will work with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to maintain the site licence granted by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC).

Nuclear refurbishment is planned to begin at both Darlington and Bruce Generating Stations in 2016.

Recognizing that bioenergy facilities can provide flexible power supply and support local jobs in forestry and agriculture, Ontario will include opportunities to procure additional bioenergy as part of the new competitive process.

Ontario will review targets for wind, solar, bioenergy and

hydroelectricity annually as part of the Ontario Energy Report.

The Ministry of Energy and the OPA are developing a new competitive procurement process for future renewable energy projects larger than 500 kilowatts (kW), which will take into account local needs and considerations

Natural Gas/ Combined Heat and Power

Natural gas-fired generation will be used flexibly to respond to changes in provincial supply and demand and to support the operation of the system.

The OPA will undertake targeted procurements for Combined Heat and Power (CHP) projects that focus on efficiency or regional capacity needs, including a new program targeting greenhouse operations, agri-food and district energy.

Clean Imports

Ontario will consider opportunities for clean imports from other jurisdictions when such imports would have system benefits and are cost effective for Ontario ratepayers.

Rate Mitigation and Efficiencies

Significant ratepayer savings will be realized as a result of reduced Feed-in Tariff (FIT) prices, the ability to dispatch wind generation, the amended Green Energy Investment Agreement, and the decision to defer new nuclear.

Enhanced Regional Planning

Municipalities and Aboriginal communities will be encouraged to develop their own community-level energy plans to identify conservation opportunities and infrastructure priorities. The Municipal Energy Plan Program and the Aboriginal Community Energy Plan Program will support these efforts.

Regional plans will promote the principle of Conservation First while also considering other cost-effective

solutions such as new supply, transmission and distribution investments.

Transmission Enhancements

All regions of the province can expect timely local transmission enhancements as needs emerge. Upgrades and investments will meet system goals, such as maintaining or improving reliability or providing the infrastructure necessary to support growth.

Aboriginal Engagement

The government understands the importance of First Nation and Métis participation in the development of energy and conservation projects. The government will continue to review participation programs to ensure they provide opportunities for First Nation and Métis communities.

Ontario will launch an Aboriginal Transmission Fund in early 2014 to facilitate First Nation and Métis participation in transmission projects.

Energy Innovation

Ontario's energy sector is an innovation leader. The government will seek to expand the Smart Grid Fund and build on previous success. The Smart Grid Fund has created more than 600 jobs and supported 11 projects developing innovative technologies.

Oil and Natural Gas

Ontario relies on oil and natural gas to support basic needs such as heat and transportation. These fuels are also essential to Ontario's economy and quality of life.

The government will work with gas distributors and municipalities to pursue options to expand natural gas infrastructure to service more communities in rural and northern Ontario.

Ontario has adopted principles it will use to review large scale pipeline projects to ensure that they meet the highest environmental and safety standards as well as benefit Ontario's economy.

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EUGENIA BOUCHARD CANADA'S SWEETHEART WORLD TENNIS CHAMPION



Eugenie Bouchard has become the first Canadian women's singles tennis player to reach a Grand Slam final after defeating Romania's Simona Halep at Wimbledon on Thursday, July 3rd, 2014. Bouchard, the No. 13 seed from the Montreal area, upset the third-seeded Halep 7-6 (5), 6-2 on the grass at the All England Club. Bouchard will face Petra Kvitova for the title. The sixth-seeded Czech defeated No. 23 Lucie Safarova in the other semifinal earlier. Kvitova, a powerful lefty, won Wimbledon in 2011. She defeated Bouchard in straight sets in Toronto last year.

"I'm just gonna go for it," said Bouchard, who reached the semis of the Australian and French Opens this season. "I'll have probably my toughest match yet."

CANADA'S Milos Raonic Joins Bouchard In Wimbledon For The Semi-Finals; First 2 Canadians To Reach Final



Raonic's bid to become the first Canadian man to make singles final falls short, losing in straight sets to the Swiss legend Roger Federer. But he hadn't defeated him in their four previous meetings, and when Federer broke Raonic's very first service game, it was not a particularly good omen. Ahead of the match, Raonic said he intended, sensibly, to rely on his greatest weapon: his booming serve. And it was as intimidating as ever — his fastest clocking 224 kilometers per hour — occasionally leaving Federer standing still on the baseline.



WORLD CUP 2014 COUNTDOWN



OH SO CLOSE TO THE DREAM FOR THE U.S. SOCCER TEAM...



U.S. Goalkeeper Tim Howard, makes one of the sixteen saves against Belgium in the World Cup played in Salvador, Brazil on July 1st.
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John Brooks Reaction to Scoring World Cup Goal



Red Devils: their first World Cup finals for 12-years





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