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Liberal Party Surges Under Mark Carney as High-Profile Candidates Join Ahead of Expected Election



With a federal election on the horizon, the Liberal Party of Canada is witnessing a dramatic resurgence in support, candidate interest, and fundraising momentum under the new leadership of Prime Minister Mark Carney.

What was once seen as a party in decline has rapidly turned into a movement of renewal. Just weeks after assuming the Liberal leadership on March 9, Carney has energized the party base, attracted well-known candidates, and led a fundraising spike of over \$1 million in just 72 hours. According to party spokesperson Matteo Rossi, the Liberals are now experiencing “an unprecedented volume” of candidate applications, with over 100 individuals expressing interest in running under the party banner.

Among the most notable new entrants is former journalist Evan Solomon, who announced Thursday that he will run for the Liberals in the upcoming election. “Given the urgent challenges and threats facing Canadians right now, I’ve decided it’s the right time to come home and do whatever I can to help serve my community and country.”



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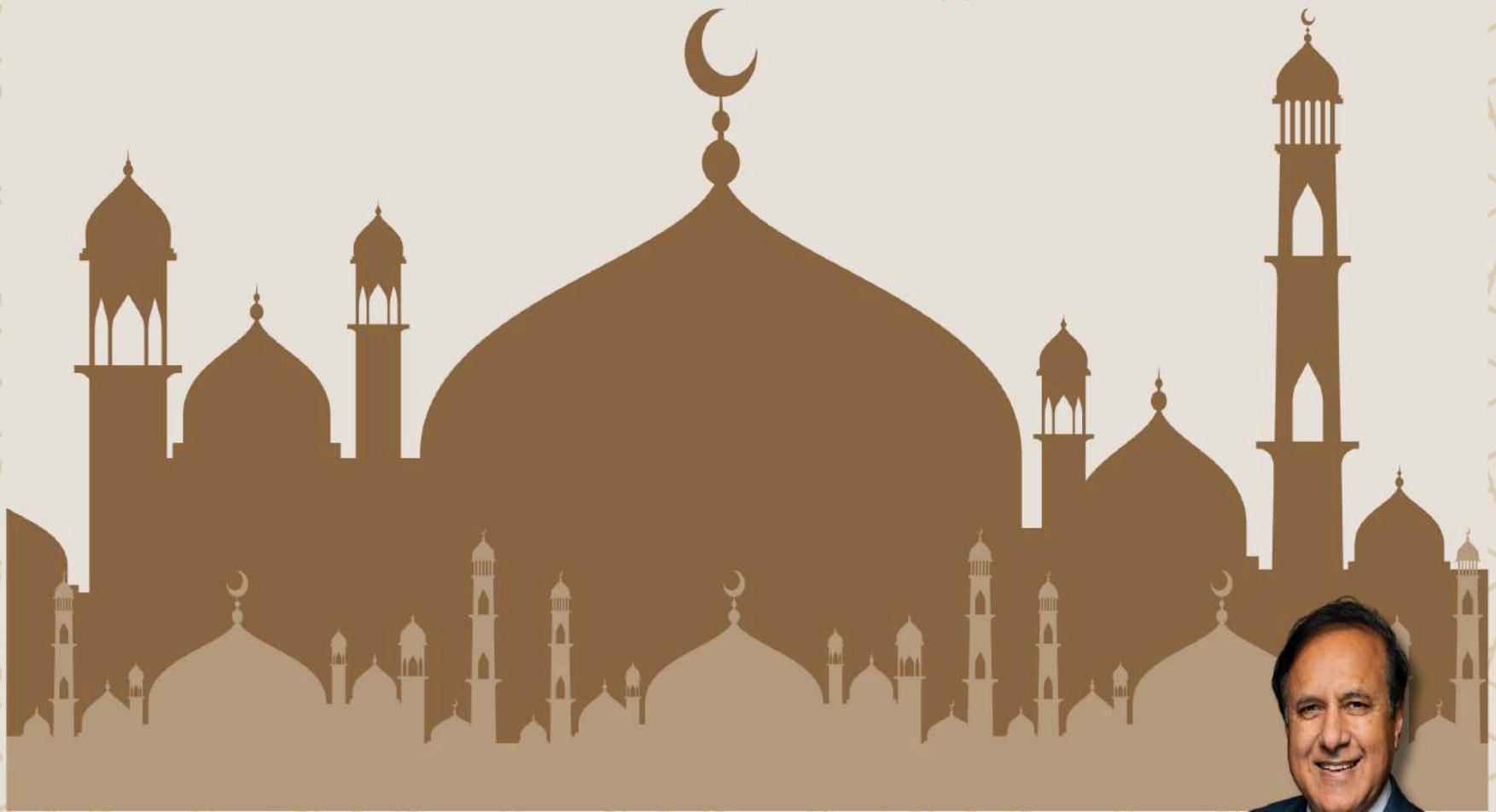
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Trump Administration Revokes Legal Status for Over 500,000 Migrants from Latin America and the Caribbean

In a sweeping move impacting hundreds of thousands of migrants, the administration of U.S. President Donald J. Trump announced today that it will revoke temporary legal status for approximately 530,000 individuals from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela who had been granted humanitarian parole under former President Joe Biden.

The decision, published in a Federal Register notice, will take effect on April 24, 2025, and marks a significant escalation in President Trump's immigration crackdown.

The affected individuals had received two-year parole status under a Biden-era initiative that allowed them to enter the U.S. legally by air, provided they had financial sponsors in the country. The Trump administration's decision to end these programs comes as part of a broader effort to eliminate what it calls "unlawful expansions" of immigration authority made by the previous administration.

"The Biden administration's abuse of parole authority ends now," Trump said in a March 20 executive order. "We will enforce our laws and secure our borders as the American people demand."

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) indicated that the revocation of parole status will facilitate expedited removal of these migrants, many of whom may now become vulnerable to deportation if they lack alternative legal protections. Under current policy, expedited removal can be applied to certain migrants who have been in the U.S. for two years or less.

President Trump has also indicated that a decision is pending on whether to revoke parole for approximately 240,000 Ukrainian nationals who fled to the U.S. during the war with Russia.

The affected migrants, who entered through legal pathways created to manage irregular migration and ease pressure at the U.S.-Mexico border, now face significant uncertainty. Advocacy groups have raised concerns about the humanitarian impact of the move, particularly given the ongoing crises in many of the affected countries.

The announcement is expected to trigger legal challenges and reignite debate over the scope of executive power in U.S. immigration policy.



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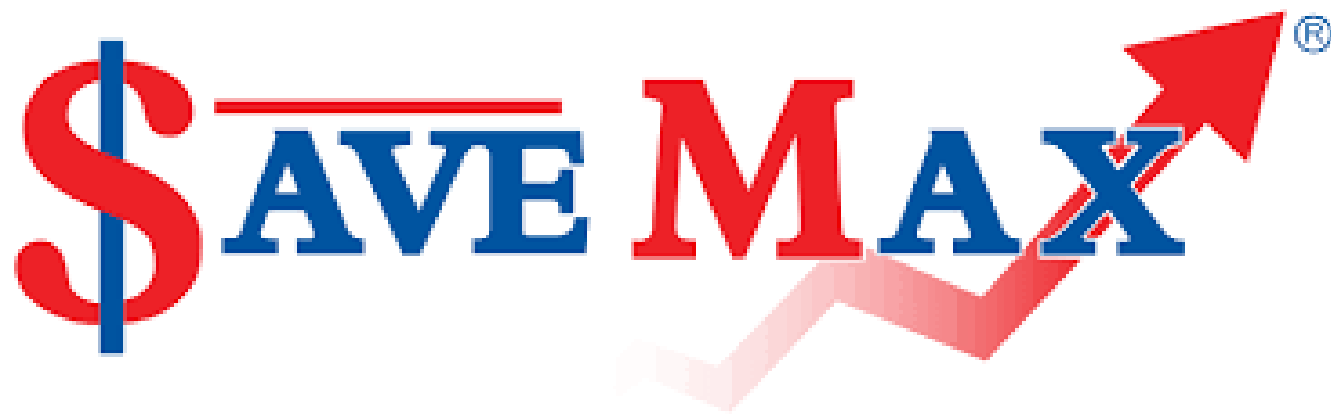
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Prime Minister Mark Carney Targets Nationwide Free Trade by Canada Day

Prime Minister Mark Carney has announced an ambitious new goal to establish free interprovincial and interterritorial trade by Canada Day, following a high-stakes First Ministers' Meeting at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.

The Prime Minister, alongside Canada's provincial and territorial leaders, committed to removing longstanding internal trade barriers related to transportation, energy, critical minerals, and digital infrastructure – a move expected to boost Canada's economy by \$250 billion and create opportunities for workers and businesses across the country.

"We intend from a federal level to have free trade by Canada Day," said Prime Minister Carney. "We are committing to removing all federal exemptions under the Canada Free Trade Agreement and turning what has been a concept into a reality."



In addition to the trade agreement, the federal government unveiled several new national measures to stimulate economic growth, including:

Temporarily waiving the one-week waiting period for Employment Insurance

Deferring corporate tax and HST/GST payments for businesses

Launching the Large Enterprise Economic and National Security Facility

Implementing a "One Project, One Review" system to fast-track major infrastructure approvals

Doubling the Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program to \$10 billion

Removing mobility restrictions for federally regulated professions

Increasing support for regional development agencies

Prime Minister Carney also reaffirmed his commitment to carbon emissions caps and investments in carbon capture and storage, describing them as key to building a new clean-energy economy.

The announcement follows escalating trade tensions with the United States. President Donald Trump's administration recently imposed a 25% tariff on Canadian steel and aluminum, prompting Canada to double retaliatory tariffs. Trump has also controversially suggested that Canada should become the 51st U.S. state.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford expressed strong support for the removal of trade barriers, while keeping options open regarding economic retaliation:

"All options remain on the table, including potential energy taxes on the U.S.," Ford said.


Most premiers expressed support for Carney's strategy. Quebec Premier François Legault called for a global renegotiation of the Canada-U.S.-Mexico trade agreement, while New Brunswick Premier Susan Holt praised Carney's leadership, calling him a passionate and intelligent representative of Canada during turbulent times.

Northern premiers, including Yukon's Ranj Pillai and Nunavut's P.J. Akeeagok, welcomed the government's renewed focus on Arctic development, highlighting the importance of infrastructure and trade in the North.

Sources confirm Prime Minister Carney will request the dissolution of Parliament this Sunday, triggering a federal election. Despite growing rhetoric from U.S. leadership, Carney emphasized that Canada's future lies in unity, resilience, and bold national action.

"No foreign leader is going to determine who's best for Canada. Canadians will decide their future," he said.

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Canada's Health Minister Kamal Khera Announces Major Steps to Strengthen Healthcare Workforce

The Honourable Kamal Khera, Minister of Health, has announced a series of initiatives aimed at strengthening Canada's healthcare system by enhancing workforce mobility, accelerating licensure recognition, and expanding training opportunities for health professionals.

Minister Khera emphasized the need for collaborative efforts to ensure Canadians can continue to rely on the universal public healthcare system. To address workforce shortages and improve healthcare accessibility, the Minister proposed.

Improving mobility for healthcare workers – Making it easier for health professionals to practice across provinces and territories based on demand.
 Recognizing U.S.-trained Canadian doctors and nurses – Granting full licensure to qualified Canadian healthcare professionals trained and licensed in the United States without requiring additional training.
 Fast-tracking credential recognition for internationally educated health professionals – Leveraging federal investments to accelerate the credentialing process and tap into the skills of internationally trained professionals eager to work in Canada.



As part of Budget 2023, the federal government has allocated \$1.7 billion over five years to support hourly wage increases for personal support workers and related professions. Additionally, the government is working with provinces and territories to streamline foreign credential recognition for internationally educated health professionals and advance multi-jurisdictional credential recognition.

Minister Khera also highlighted the Coalition for Action for Health Workers' efforts to address significant health workforce challenges and provide advice on workers' retention, increasing the supply of health professionals, improving health workforce data, and scaling new models of care to address key barriers.

"With economic pressures mounting, we cannot afford to wait. We must act now to protect and strengthen Canada's healthcare system

Wayne Gretzky Statue Defaced Outside Rogers Place in Edmonton



The iconic statue of NHL legend Wayne Gretzky outside Rogers Place in downtown Edmonton was defaced early Friday with what appeared to be human excrement, shocking fans and passersby alike.

The defacement was discovered by visitors Lorne Thurston of British Columbia and Joseph McIntyre of Nova Scotia, who had come to admire and take photos with the tribute to Canada's most celebrated hockey player.

"Disappointing. It shouldn't have been done," said McIntyre, dressed in a white Edmonton Oilers jersey. "I thought people had more class," added Thurston, visibly disturbed by the scene.

The act of vandalism was brought to the attention of Rogers Place staff, who immediately dispatched personnel to clean the statue using towels and disinfectant. The cleaning took place as a small group of concerned onlookers gathered around. records.

Unveiled in 1989 outside Northlands Coliseum, the bronze statue was relocated to Rogers Place in 2016 and has since remained a cherished fixture for Edmonton Oilers fans and hockey lovers across Canada. It commemorates Gretzky's storied time with the team, during which he led the Oilers to four Stanley Cup victories and established multiple NHL records.

Despite his legendary status, Gretzky has recently stirred controversy in Canada for publicly supporting U.S. President Donald Trump and his call for Canada to consider joining the United States as its 51st state—remarks that have triggered significant backlash across the country.

Arya's Fall Opens Carney's Door: Liberals Redraw Ottawa Map

Chandra Arya's Liberal career is crumbling fast. First, the party nixed his shot at leadership in January. Now, with an election call imminent, they've yanked his nomination to run again in Nepean, the Ottawa riding he's held for a decade. Campaign director Andrew Bevan's letter, dropped Friday, blamed "new information" vetted by the party's gatekeepers but offered no clues—leaving Arya to post the cryptic dismissal on Facebook with a bittersweet farewell to his constituents.

The ousting clears a path in Ottawa for Prime Minister Mark Carney, whose riding choice remains a mystery as he gears up to trigger a vote—likely April 28 or May 5. Liberals have floated Edmonton, Toronto, or Ottawa as options for Carney, and Arya's exit hands him a prime capital-city perch. For the 62-year-old Arya, it's a bruising end to a tenure he called a "profound honour."



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