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THE GDELT PROJECT

CANADA'S DECISIVE PIVOT:
DEFENSE INTEGRATION, CRIME CRACKDOWNS, AND GLOBAL VOLATILITY (JULY 7, 2026)

A Day-at-a-Glance Explainer on Strategic Posture Shifts and Domestic Security Measures amid Rising Uncertainty.

THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE PIVOT

Accelerating Integration to Assert Arctic Sovereignty & Counter US Isolationism.



TKMS Submarine Deal: $167B Procurement (12 NATO-interoperable subs).

Defense Spending Target: Commitment to 5% GDP by 2035 (Aiming for 4% by 2029).

Strategic Goal: Maintain Alliance Relevance, Reduce Reliance on US Enablers, Focus on Arctic/North Atlantic.



New Defense Partnerships

TRANSNATIONAL CRIME CRACKDOWN

Zero-Tolerance for Foreign-Directed Violence (Operation Hardball).



Operation Hardball: Multinational Bust (RCMP, FBI, LAPD) against India-based Organized Crime.

Key Charges: Lawrence Bishnoi & Goldie Brar Charged for 2023 Nijjar Assassination.

Network Uncovered: Extortion, Gun Running, Drug Trafficking via Commercial Trucking Routes.



Digital Command & Control from Prisons

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS & GOVERNANCE CONTEXT

GEOPOLITICAL TENSIONS & ALLIANCES.

Ankara Summit Friction: Trump Threats to Annex Greenland, US labels NATO 'One-Sided'.

European Pivot: Canada Prioritizes European Military Integration over other partners.

Aerospace Win: NATO talks to buy Globaleye aircraft (Bombardier airframes).

DOMESTIC STRAIN & INFRASTRUCTURE.

Climate & Extreme Weather: Out-of-Control Wildfires (Fraser Canyon), Severe Flooding (Prairies, Ontario).

Labor & Economy Crisis: PEI Staffing Shortages due to Immigration Cuts, High Trade Surplus (Metals).

Regional Polarization: 'Northern Shield' Pipeline (Alberta-Ontario) Faces Indigenous Opposition.

LEGAL WARFARE & TECH SOVEREIGNTY

AI Accountability: BC Sues OpenAI over Tumbler Ridge Mass Shooting (Failure to Alert on Violent Prompts).

Tech Regulation Struggle: Challenges with 'Smart' Tech (e.g., Tesla Autopilot) & Regulatory Frameworks.

Privacy & Media: UK Court Dismisses Prince Harry's Privacy Lawsuit against Daily Mail.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT & CRITICAL RISKS

FUTURE OUTLOOK & SCENARIOS

Short Term: Diplomatic Retaliation from India, Localized Civil Unrest (Montreal).

Medium Term: 'Northern Shield' Pipeline Feasibility Study to Spark Political Battle.

Long Term: Submarine Delivery Reshapes Canadian Navy towards Sub-Surface Operations.

Contrarian Scenario: Sub Deal as Fiscal Trap? (Autonomous Drones vs. Manned Subs).

KEY RISK ASSESSMENT

Arctic Sovereignty Conflict: High Risk (US-Greenland Tensions).

Systemic Infrastructure Failure: High Risk (Extreme Weather, Municipal Drainage).

Transnational Crime Escalation: Medium Risk (Retaliatory Violence).

Opioid Crisis Deadlock: High Risk (Potent Analogs, Overwhelmed EMS).

Supply Chain Disruption: Medium Risk (Persian Gulf Tensions, Energy Costs).

ECONOMIC VECTORS: Trade Surplus ($4.2B), Defense Procurement (Industrial Dev), Labor Crisis, Rising Energy Costs.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES: Partisan Senate Appointments, Sports-Media Monopoly (Rogers-MLSE), Political Figures in Flux (Infantino, Le Pen).

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CANADA ACCELERATES DEFENSE INTEGRATION WITH EUROPE AND MULTI-NATIONAL CRIME CRACKDOWNS AMID INTENSIFYING GLOBAL VOLATILITY

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The events of July 7, 2026, signal a decisive shift in Canadian strategic posture, characterized by an aggressive pivot toward European defense partnerships and a hardening of domestic security measures against transnational threats. The government's formal selection of a German-Norwegian consortium (TKMS) to build its next generation of up to 12 submarines represents the largest procurement project in national history, aimed at asserting sovereignty in the Arctic and North Atlantic as US commitment to NATO wavers. This pivot is reinforced by a new 5% GDP defense spending target, a drastic acceleration intended to maintain relevance within the alliance despite persistent isolationist rhetoric from Washington.

Simultaneously, the culmination of "Operation Hardball"—a massive multinational law enforcement crackdown on India-based organized crime—addresses long-standing internal vulnerabilities. By charging Lawrence Bishnoi and others for the 2023 assassination of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, Canada is signaling a new zero-tolerance policy toward foreign-directed violence and extortion on its soil. This domestic security win is contrasted by ongoing environmental and infrastructure strains, including out-of-control wildfires in the Fraser Canyon and severe flooding across the Prairies and Ontario, which continue to test the state's resilience and climate adaptation strategies.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Strategic Submarine Procurement and NATO Realignment

- Canada selected the **TKMS** consortium to build up to 12 new NATO-interoperable submarines, passing over a South Korean bid to prioritize European military integration.
- Prime Minister Carney announced a commitment to reach a 5% GDP defense spending target by 2035, aiming to hit 4% as early as 2029.
- The deal is projected to generate over 167 billion CAD in economic impact and create thousands of jobs, including at Marmon in Quebec.

Transnational Organized Crime Crackdown (Operation Hardball)

- A joint operation involving the RCMP, FBI, and LAPD resulted in charges against 37 individuals and 24 arrests linked to India-based crime groups.

- Lawrence Bishnoi and Goldie Brar were formally charged with directing the 2023 assassination of Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Surrey, BC.
- The investigation uncovered a vast network of extortion, gun running, and drug trafficking utilizing commercial trucking routes from Mexico to Canada.

Escalating Geopolitical Tensions in Ankara

- At the NATO summit, US President Trump resurrected threats to annex Greenland, causing friction with Denmark and other European allies.
- Tensions rose over Europe's refusal to support US actions in the Iran conflict, leading Trump to label the alliance "one-sided."
- NATO is reportedly in talks to buy 10 Globaleye surveillance aircraft using Bombardier airframes, a major win for Canadian aerospace.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- Russia launched a new round of strikes on Kyiv, while Ukraine successfully targeted a large Russian oil refinery using drones.
- Ukrainian President Zelensky met with leaders in Turkey to urgently request ballistic missile interceptors, as Russia exhausts Ukrainian air defense stockpiles.

Climate & Extreme Weather

- The **Brunswick Creek Wildfire** grew to 12 square kilometers, forcing evacuations in the Boston Bar area of BC.
- Swift Current, Saskatchewan, dealt with "hailstone rivers" and 120 km/h winds that caused significant crop damage to wheat and canola.
- Severe flooding in Windsor and Ottawa overwhelmed municipal drainage systems, prompting calls for urgent infrastructure upgrades.

Macroeconomics & Trade

- Canada's trade surplus reached a four-year high of $4.2 billion in May, driven by energy and metal exports to the US.
- Prime Minister Carney launched free trade negotiations with Turkey, aiming to diversify trading partners beyond North America.

Legal Warfare & Tech Sovereignty

- British Columbia is pursuing legal action against OpenAI following a mass shooting in Tumbler Ridge, alleging the company failed to alert authorities to violent prompts.
- A UK court dismissed a privacy lawsuit brought by Prince Harry against the Daily Mail, citing a lack of convincing evidence of illegal information gathering.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The European Pivot as Insurance Against US Isolationism The recurring theme of the day is Canada's deliberate effort to decouple its security destiny from an increasingly unpredictable United States. By selecting European contractors for the submarine fleet and drastically hiking defense spending to 5% of GDP, the Carney government is attempting to "prove" its value to the NATO alliance while

building a capability that functions independently of US "enablers." The focus on Arctic and North Atlantic sovereignty reflects a fear that the US may prioritize its own territorial claims (such as Greenland) over collective defense.

The Weaponization of Transnational Criminal Networks The "Operation Hardball" arrests reveal a terrifying evolution in organized crime, where leaders like **Lawrence Bishnoi** successfully direct assassinations and extortion from inside foreign prisons using encrypted digital technology. This trend highlights a gap in global governance, where traditional borders are irrelevant to criminal syndicates that operate with a level of coordination and brutality previously reserved for state actors. The explicit link between these gangs and the murder of a Canadian citizen has transformed a local policing issue into a major foreign policy flashpoint with India.

The Paradox of the "Smart" Economy While Canada boasts a record trade surplus and multi-billion dollar aerospace deals, it faces a mounting labor crisis and infrastructure decay. Staffing shortages in PEI's service industry, blamed on immigration cuts, contrast with the government's rhetoric on technological development. Simultaneously, the proliferation of "smart" tech—from OpenAI's chatbots to Tesla's Autopilot—is creating new legal and safety hazards that the current regulatory framework is struggling to mitigate.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Institutional Strain and Labor Shortages In Prince Edward Island, the service and hospitality sectors are facing critical staffing shortages as a direct result of federal immigration cuts intended to slow population growth. This policy tension between managing housing demand and supporting local economies is creating significant domestic friction. Furthermore, the death of **Kianna Everett** in Winnipeg custody has reignited protests and calls for accountability within the justice system, highlighting a perceived lack of transparency and care in correctional facilities.

Regional Polarization Over Energy Infrastructure The proposed **Northern Shield** energy corridor, an oil pipeline from Alberta to Ontario, continues to exacerbate regional divides. While Premiers Smith and Ford frame it as a matter of national imperative, Manitoba's Premier Wab Kinew remains uncommitted due to indigenous consultation concerns. This project highlights the ongoing struggle to balance resource-based economic growth with environmental activism and indigenous sovereignty.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Framing a Hostile Global Matrix The broadcasts frame the international environment as a "threat matrix" where traditional protections, such as geography, no longer apply. The Iranian deployment of long-range missiles and Russia's shift to a total war manufacturing footing are used to justify massive increases in Canadian defense spending. Canada is portraying itself as a "serious" actor that is no longer "showing up empty-handed" to global summits.

Economic Statecraft and Diversification By launching trade talks with Turkey and securing high-value aerospace orders via NATO, Canada is attempting to weaponize its

economic strengths to secure geopolitical influence. This posture seeks to mitigate the impact of potential US tariffs and the uncertainty surrounding the KUSMA agreement, which remains under review and unrenewed.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Canada's economic data for May 2026 indicates a robust export-led growth phase, though this is tempered by domestic labor constraints and regulatory uncertainty in the tech and automotive sectors. Corporate consolidation reached a peak with **Rogers** acquiring full ownership of Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, creating a sports-media monopoly in Toronto that has raised concerns over advertiser pricing power and fan costs.

Key Economic Vectors:

- **Trade Surplus:** Rose to $4.2 billion in May, led by a 51% increase in unwrought aluminum exports.
- **Defense Procurement:** The $167 billion submarine deal is positioned as a primary driver of long-term industrial development.
- **Labor Crisis:** PEI's population has dropped for the first time in years due to shifts in immigration policy, impacting 20% of the hospitality workforce.
- **Energy Costs:** Gas prices are expected to rise as tensions flare again in the Persian Gulf, despite a fragile US-Iran memorandum of understanding.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The Carney administration is reshaping the Canadian political landscape through a return to partisan Senate appointments and a shift in high-level defense leadership.

- **Tom Pitfield:** Appointed to the Senate representing Quebec; his appointment signals Carney's move to reverse the non-partisan appointment criteria established by Trudeau.
- **Richard Martel:** Conservative MP resigned his House seat to accept a Senate appointment, triggering a narrow by-election in Quebec.
- **Gianni Infantino:** Facing mounting calls to resign as FIFA President following allegations of allowing political interference from Donald Trump in World Cup refereeing decisions.
- **Marine Le Pen:** Defiantly announced her 2027 presidential run after a French court shortened her ban on seeking office, despite an ankle bracelet requirement.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The network's lead stories emphasize **national strength and security**, with heavy rotation on the submarine deal, the NATO summit, and the "Operation Hardball" arrests. These stories are presented with a tone of **urgency and resolve**. Stories regarding **domestic failure**, such as the opioid crisis and the death of Kianna Everett in custody, are positioned later in the broadcast, often framed as local issues rather than systemic failures. A notable "buried" story is the economic modicity of the World Cup; while the event is heavily promoted, data showing only a "modest bump" in economic benefit is mentioned briefly, challenging the "mega-event" narrative. Conspicuous Omissions: There is almost no mention of China's activities in the Arctic, despite the focus on

Arctic sovereignty, nor is there detail on the specific "little-known loophole" used by FIFA to reinstate a suspended player.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The day's framing depicts a world where old alliances are fracturing, and nations are being forced to choose sides in a more aggressive, risk-prone environment.

COUNTRIES

- **Canada:** Portrayed as **competent and principled**, moving from "under-investment" to becoming a "leader" in NATO through its submarine deal and increased spending. "Canada has finally met its 2% defense spending target." (Source)
- **United States:** Portrayed as **chaotic and unreliable** under Trump. His actions are described as "stoking tensions" and calling the alliance "one-sided." (Source)
- **Russia:** Framed as a **hostile, total-war aggressor**. "Russia may be planning a future attack" on NATO allies. (Source)
- **India:** Framed as a **source of instability** and "foreign actor" interference due to its link to organized crime gangs operating on Canadian soil. (Source)

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Portrayed as a **disruptive foe** of international norms, interfering in sports and threatening to annex sovereign territory like Greenland. (Source)
- **Mark Carney:** Portrayed as a **strong, strategic statesman** rebuilding Canada's international military and economic standing. (Source)
- **Vladimir Putin:** Characterized as **rearming at a staggering pace**, waiting for NATO to "push the snooze button." (Source)

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **TKMS:** Framed as a **competent and preferred partner**, essential for Canadian security. (Source)
- **OpenAI:** Portrayed as **negligent and unaccountable**, facing legal repercussions for failing to monitor violent user prompts. (Source)
- **Bishnoi Gang:** Framed as a **borderless terrorist entity** that "preys on the less fortunate." (Source)

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The day features several instances of **narrative seeding**, particularly by the Canadian government regarding defense spending. The narrative shifted rapidly from "meeting 2%" to "aiming for 5%," a move designed to preempt US criticism and project an image of an "over-achieving" ally. Conversely, the **Kremlin's messaging** is highlighted as a "referendum on unit," while the ground truth in Tehran shows "cracks within the regime" and "open dissent" (Source). There is also a notable delta in the FIFA controversy, where the "independent commission" narrative is directly challenged by UEFA's expression of "disbelief" at an "unprecedented" decision (Source).

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Erosion of US-Canada Intelligence Sharing:** If Trump continues to threaten NATO exits or annexations, Canada may begin withholding certain Arctic intelligence to leverage its new European defense ties.
- **India-Canada Diplomatic Freeze:** The formal charges in the Nijjar case will likely lead to a protracted diplomatic standoff with India, potentially impacting trade and student visas in the long term.
- **Tech Accountability Precedent:** BC's lawsuit against OpenAI could set a global precedent for "platform liability" regarding AI-generated violence, forcing tech giants to implement much stricter proactive monitoring.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

- **Short Term (1-4 Weeks):** Expect retaliatory diplomatic measures from India following the "Operation Hardball" arrests. Potential for localized civil unrest in Montreal following the high-profile police funeral of **Ben Radan** (Source).
- **Medium Term (1-6 Months):** The feasibility study for the **Northern Shield pipeline** will be released, likely sparking a major political battle between Alberta, Ontario, and a reluctant Manitoba government (Source).
- **Long Term (1-5 Years):** The delivery of the first **TKMS submarines** will fundamentally reshape the Canadian Navy, shifting 1/3 to 1/2 of its future fleet toward sub-surface operations, prioritizing stealth and deterrence over surface projection (Source).

RISK ASSESSMENT

The following risks identify critical flashpoints where the intersection of environmental, geopolitical, and internal factors could lead to rapid deterioration.

- **Arctic Sovereignty Conflict:** Trump's persistent interest in **Greenland** and Canada's focus on the Arctic could lead to a territorial dispute between allies. Triggers: Formal US legislative moves to "purchase" Greenland or increased US naval incursions into the Northwest Passage. Likelihood: Low-Medium. Impact: Catastrophic for NATO unity. Mitigations: Accelerated joint Arctic patrols with Denmark and Norway (Source).
- **Systemic Infrastructure Failure during Extreme Weather:** Municipal drainage in Ontario and Quebec is failing at "full capacity" (Source). Triggers: Another record-breaking rain event within the same season. Likelihood: High. Impact: Major urban flooding, loss of property, and sewage contamination. Mitigations: Urgent federal funding for "climate-resilient" sewer upgrades.
- **Transnational Crime Escalation:** The "1,000 foot soldiers" mentioned by the **Bishnoi gang** (Source) pose a continuous threat of retaliatory shootings. Triggers: Extradition of Lawrence Bishnoi to the US. Likelihood: Medium. Impact: Spike in urban violence in the GTA and Vancouver. Mitigations: Increased funding for the RCMP's serious crimes unit and inter-agency coordination.

- **Opioid Crisis Deadlock:** Overdose calls have **doubled or tripled** in some Ontario cities following the closure of safe consumption sites (Source). Triggers: Introduction of even more potent analogs like metadomadine. Likelihood: High. Impact: Total collapse of EMS response capacity in mid-sized cities. Mitigations: Reopening drug-checking sites and emergency provincial health mandates.
- **Supply Chain Disruption in the Persian Gulf:** Despite diplomatic efforts, over **400 vessels remain stranded** in a mined Strait of Hormuz (Source). Triggers: A single sea-drone strike on a major tanker. Likelihood: Medium. Impact: Global energy price spike and immediate inflationary pressure in Canada. Mitigations: Opening safe passage corridors via NATO-led naval escorts.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **The South Korean "Plan B":** Transcripts mention South Korea is still a "strategic partner" for armored vehicles (Source), but fail to detail how the rejection of their sub bid will impact future energy/steel cooperation.
- **Specifics of the AI Failure:** The BC government claims OpenAI was "flagged months before" (Source), but provides no evidence of what those flags looked like or if they were technically actionable under current law.
- **The Indian Government Connection:** While the RCMP says there is "no evidence" of Indian official involvement in the latest arrests (Source), they do not address how a prisoner (Bishnoi) can coordinate global hits without high-level state negligence or complicity.
- **The "5% GDP" Funding Source:** There is zero mention of how the government plans to fund a **250% increase** in defense spending (from 2% to 5%) without massive cuts to social programs or massive tax hikes.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The Submarine Deal as a "White Elephant":** Instead of a sovereignty win, the **TKMS deal** could become a multi-decade fiscal trap. By the time the first sub is delivered in 2034, rapid advances in autonomous underwater drones may have rendered manned conventional submarines obsolete and easily detectable.
- **Operation Hardball as a Diplomatic Diversion:** The high-profile arrests of Indian gangs could be a calculated move to distract from the government's inability to directly confront the Indian state on the Nijjar assassination. By framing it as "organized crime," the government avoids the much riskier "state-sponsored terrorism" narrative.
- **The Rogers Monopoly as a National Security Risk:** Consolidating all major sports and sports-media under one owner (Source) creates a single point of failure. A cyber-attack or financial crisis at Rogers could paralyze a significant portion of Canada’s cultural and advertising infrastructure.
- **Black Swan Event:** An accidental **ballistic missile strike** on a NATO ally by a malfunctioning Russian interceptor leads to a premature triggering of Article 5, bypassing the "2029" timeline suggested by experts (Source).

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Immediately establish a "Cyber-Crime Task Force" specifically for prison communication monitoring to prevent incarcerated gang leaders from directing hits from abroad.
- **Economic:** Leverage the Bombardier/SAB deal (Source) to create an aerospace-specific special economic zone in Ontario or Quebec, ensuring the defense spend translates into long-term tech IP.
- **Diplomatic:** Formalize a "Trilateral Arctic Security Pact" with Denmark and Norway to create a buffer against both Russian incursions and US "annexation" rhetoric.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chains:** Investors should pivot toward **domestic aluminum and metals** sectors, which are seeing a 51% surge in surplus (Source) and are being prioritized as "energy transition" minerals.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Companies developing AI must immediately implement "mandatory human-in-the-loop" reporting for violent prompts to avoid the liability being faced by OpenAI (Source).
- **Capital Allocation:** High growth potential exists in "climate-resilient" infrastructure firms, as municipal governments face an estimated multi-billion dollar backlog in sewer and dike upgrades (Source).

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Legislative activity focused on accelerating defense spending and responding to the legal challenges posed by AI and privacy issues. No new bills were formally introduced today, but major policy shifts were solidified through executive announcements and diplomatic briefings.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **KUSMA Free Trade Review:** Discussions regarding the renewal of the agreement with the US, focusing on protecting Canadian steel and auto exports from "isolationist tariffs" (Source).
- **Immigration Reform Policy:** Policy changes that cut immigration to slow population growth were debated in the context of **PEI's labor crisis** (Source).

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Operation Hardball Briefing:** The RCMP and US officials detailed the charges against the Bishnoi gang and the scope of transnational crime (Source).
- **NATO Summit Ankara Briefing:** Prime Minister Carney and Minister Annand updated allies on Canada’s plan to hit **5% defense spending** (Source).
- **BC Attorney General Presser:** Nikki Sharma announced legal action against **OpenAI** for "failure to notify law enforcement" (Source).

KEY STORIES

- **Canada Selects TKMS for $167B Submarine Deal:** Government chooses German-Norwegian consortium to build up to 12 NATO-interoperable submarines by 2034, emphasizing Arctic sovereignty.

- **Operation Hardball Multinational Arrests:** RCMP and FBI charge 37 people in an India-based organized crime ring, including formal charges for the 2023 murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar.
- **Trump Threatens Greenland Annexation at NATO:** US President disrupts the Ankara summit by repeating demands for US control of Greenland and labeling the alliance "one-sided."
- **Canada Pledges 5% GDP for Defense Spending:** Prime Minister Carney commits to the highest defense spending target in Canadian history to secure its place in a fracturing NATO.
- **Rogers Takes Full Control of Toronto Sports Monopoly:** Rogers buys out MLSE stakes from Kilmer Sports, giving it 100% ownership of the Maple Leafs, Raptors, and Toronto FC.
- **British Columbia Sues OpenAI:** Provincial government pursues legal action after the Tumbler Ridge mass shooting, alleging the company failed to flag violent prompts.
- **Prince Harry's Privacy Case Dismissed:** A UK judge rules against the Prince and six others in their lawsuit against the Daily Mail, citing insufficient evidence of phone hacking.
- **Fraser Canyon Wildfire Forces Evacuations:** The Brunswick Creek fire grows to 12 sq km as heat and dry conditions continue in British Columbia.
- **Record Trade Surplus Driven by Metals:** Statistics Canada reports a $4.2 billion surplus for May, fueled by a 51% spike in aluminum exports.
- **Metadomadine Enters Unregulated Drug Supply:** Health officials warn of a new, highly sedative drug causing a spike in overdose calls across Ontario cities.
- **FIFA Controversy over Red Card Lift:** UEFA and global critics condemn FIFA's decision to lift a player's suspension following a direct request from the US President.
- **Kyle Lowry Signs One-Day Contract to Retire a Raptor:** The "greatest Raptor of all time" officially retires in Toronto and joins the ownership group for the "Toronto Tempo" WNBA team.
- **Funeral of Slain Iranian Supreme Leader:** Millions gather in Tehran for Ayatollah Hameneyi's funeral as hardliners call for revenge against US and Israeli targets.
- **Northern Shield Pipeline Corridor Proposed:** Alberta and Ontario Premiers unveil a 3,300 km oil pipeline route, facing immediate opposition from indigenous leaders and the Manitoba government.
- **PEI Staffing Crisis Linked to Immigration Cuts:** The hospitality industry warns of reduced hours and business closures as temporary residents leave the province.

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