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Kenney and Day want race-based hires reviewed

Affirmative action scrutinized after job seeker denied position based on skin colour

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TORONTO—A review of federal affirmative action policies has sparked fresh debate on a topic that has been controversial in countries around the world that wrestle with a disproportionate number of white men in the upper ranks of the public and private sectors.

The review was announced last week after Sara Landriault of Kemptville, Ontario, was told by an online application system for Citizenship and Immigration Canada that she could not apply for an administrative assistant job because she was white.

Stockwell Day, President of the Treasury Board, and Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration, and Multiculturalism, asked for the review out of concerns that some Canadians were being denied jobs because of the colour of their skin.

"While we support diversity in the public service, we want to ensure that no Canadian is barred from opportunities in the public service based on race or ethnicity," said Day.

"I strongly agree with the objective of creating a public service that reflects the diversity of Canada, and with fair measures designed to reach that goal. But we must ensure that all Canadians have an equal opportunity to work for their government based on merit, regardless of race or ethnicity," Kenney said.

While some Liberal MPs have tried to characterize the review as an attack on diversity in the workplace, both Day and Kenney have said they support the general policy of affirmative action but are concerned that some people are being denied consideration for some public sector jobs on the basis of race.

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Clement faces summer grilling over census ... P2



IN THE HOT SEAT: Industry Minister Tony Clement prepares to be grilled by the Commons Industry committee on the long-form census on Parliament Hill. Clement faced accusations of fear mongering and some terse exchanges over the government's decision to make the long-form census voluntary. See A2 for full story. REUTERS/JOHN MAJOR

UK to fight for Turkey's seat in EU

Union remains divided over accepting Ankara's bid

By ARON LAMM
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British Prime Minister David Cameron said Tuesday he would "fight" for Turkey's bid to enter the European Union, a stance that has caused tension within the union.

"I am here to make the case for Turkish membership in the EU and to fight for it," Cameron told reporters during his one-

day visit to Ankara. "I will remain your strongest possible advocate for EU membership and for greater influence at the top table of European diplomacy."

One of the purposes of Cameron's trip to Turkey was to establish a new partnership between London and Ankara, which he said was vital to the U.K.'s economy, security, and politics.

Turkey started negotiations to join the EU in 2005, but talks have been slow due to disagreements between some member nations over Turkey's entrance.

Germany, for one, fears that the union will be threatened by mass labour emigration from Turkey if it is allowed to join. It has offered the mainly Muslim

nation of 70 million a "privileged partnership" instead of full membership. About 3 million Turks live in Germany, Turkey's biggest trade partner and investor. France also opposes Turkey joining the EU.

"It makes me angry that your progress towards EU membership can be frustrated in the way that it has been," Cameron said. "My view is clear. I believe it's just wrong to say that Turkey can guard the camp but not be allowed to sit in the tent."

The United States and Britain have long supported Turkey's EU ambitions for strategic reasons, such as oil and gas routes for the EU. Turkey, a NATO member, is also an important player in building peace in Afghanistan.

PLEASE SEE **EU** ON P4

Geologist reveals mass grave after decades of fear

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IRKUTSK, Russia—In the 20 years after he discovered mass graves near his village, Alexander Alexandrov lived in fear of being assassinated if Soviet authorities got word of the graves—which were evidence of a large massacre.

Finally, as the shadow of communism began lifting in Russia, Alexandrov, a geologist, shared his secret, a secret even Russian secret agents couldn't uncover.

In the 1970s, Alexandrov and his family bought a house near the

village of Pivovarikha in Southern Russia.

One day while talking with locals, he learned that on the outskirts of the village human remains had been found and that children were playing soccer with a skull.

The locals said they believed the bones were part of larger graves in the area containing the bodies of executed political dissidents.

Alexandrov, motivated by his own past—his grandfather had been shot by Soviet security forces and buried somewhere in the region in 1938—decided to try to find the graves.



The skull of a person shot by Soviet authorities under Josef Stalin found outside Vladivostok in June 2010. REUTERS/YURI MALTSEV

He went through the area, talking with locals and looking for clues in the surrounding terrain. Using the principles of geomorphology—the study of the characteristics, origin, and development of landforms—he made his shocking discovery. He found burial sites containing human skulls and bones "buried at shallow depths," he said.

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Mistresses, money and murder: The life of a party cadre

Lurid sex tales revealed in an official's diary show what China's masses have paid for

By MICHELLE YU
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The salacious "sex diary" of a mid-ranking Chinese Communist Party official, splashed online during his recent corruption trial, brought back again to the public mind a disturbing habit of Chinese Communist Party officialdom: keeping multiple mistresses, and a general readiness to indulge in sexual debauchery.

"In 2003 I plan to sleep with at least 56 women," wrote Wang Cheng on the first page of his sex-diary. "At least two of them should not be whores."

The three diaries, first discovered by Wang's wife, record in lurid detail his affairs with more than 500 women since 2003. After his wife's friend reported him to the local court, Wang, 47, was arrested on bribery charges on March 21, which ended his plans to bed a total of 600 to 800 women. Wang confessed that the bribe money was lavished on his mistresses, including the purchase of real estate.

PLEASE SEE **CORRUPT** ON P5



An anoxic section of Mill River in northwestern Prince Edward Island. ERIC CLEMENTS

Smelly, rotting rivers turn noses in P.E.I.

By JOAN DELANEY
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Sections of rivers stinking with masses of rotting vegetation are fairly common in Prince Edward Island, but the problem of anoxic waterways has gradually been getting worse, with more events occurring this summer.

Anoxia is a lack of oxygen caused by excessive nutrients in waterways which triggers algae growth. When the plants die and decay, oxygen is stripped from the water, which then turns green or milky white and gives off a strong rotten egg odour.

These anoxic events, which can last for several days or weeks, kill sections of rivers and can be deadly for fish—especially shellfish that can't swim out from under the thick carpet of dead algae.

"The decay process of the plants

uses up oxygen out of the water, so any non-mobile fish that can't avoid the area—because they will avoid it—any non-mobile fish can be affected," says provincial surface water biologist Cindy Crane.

"Once it starts to decay it sinks down to the bottom and it will create this anoxic layer over the top of [shellfish] and it sort of smothers them."

Nutrients enter rivers from a number of sources including farming practices, septic systems, wastewater management, and clear-cut logging. Milder winters in recent years have been blamed for exacerbating the problem.

"I think what happened this past season is that the sea lettuce—ulva—which is the plant that's at the heart of it, in a number of places there was quite a healthy population of it that over-wintered," Crane says.

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