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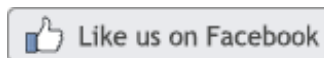
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At least 22 dead as a result of a violent rampage in Portapique, Nova Scotia: Canada's deadliest mass victimization case

The violence and bloodshed of a [devastating shooting spree](#) in Nova Scotia continued to emerge on Monday as the death toll increased to at least 22 victims and law enforcement continued working in 16 crime scenes across the province - while cautioning that the number of [victims in Canada's worst mass shooting](#) is expected to rise even further in the coming days. [Chief Superintendent Chris Leather](#) stated in a news conference on Monday that several fires were lit at the crime scenes and one officer reported dead and another injured.

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Increase in Domestic Violence During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Across Ontario, [domestic violence organizations](#) are drawing attention to the increase in the number of calls to various shelters across the region. However, [other organizations](#) also worry that there has been a decrease in calls due to barriers that COVID-19 has created, such as additional challenges in accessing services. The president of the Ontario Network of Victim Service Providers, [Sheri MacDonald](#) relays that Ontario

soon!

QUICK LINKS

Police arrest suspect connected to the murders of two Indigenous men in Alberta. Jake Sansom, 39, and Morris Cardinal, 57 were gunned down after a verbal and physical altercation when returning from a hunting trip. [Read more here.](#)

Friend of domestic homicide victim, Tracey Mackenzie, urges victims to reach out to someone and get help when experiencing domestic violence. [Read more here.](#)

Cybersecurity experts warn the public of the increase in phishing schemes related to the COVID-19 pandemic; Fraudsters are now using new tactics to steal information and money through the use of emails and text messages. [Read more here.](#)

A 17-year-old boy was shot on in Montreal's Saint-Laurent borough in an underground parking lot of an apartment. The gunman escaped before the police arrived. The motive behind the crime remains unclear but the victim is in stable condition. [Read More here](#)

The parents of two teen girls, Kristen French and Leslie Mahaffy, who were murdered by Paul Bernardo are seeking to obtain his entire case file with the parole board, arguing public interest in the case outweighs the convicted killer and serial rapist's privacy rights. [Read More Here](#)

A retired nuclear physicist, John Hulbert, was found stabbed to death by his

has had an increase in the number of domestic violence cases. As a result of the pandemic, "[victims are left with fewer and fewer places to turn.](#)" Subsequently, it is important to note that a decrease in calls does not equate to a decrease in violence. Executive Director of PATHS, [Jo-Anne Dusel](#) states that some people are staying home out of fear of catching COVID-19. As a result, accessing support can be extremely difficult with requirements to stay home with the abuser, leaving little opportunity to reach out for help.

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Families of Flight 752 Victims Report Threats and Acts of Intimidation: Refusing to be Forgotten 100 Days After

[The Revolutionary Guard 'mistakenly'](#) shot down Flight 752 on January 8, 2020. The flight that was brought down by at least one Iranian surface-to-air missile shortly after takeoff from the Imam Khomeini International Airport tragically resulted in the death of 55 Canadian citizens. Canada continues to be one of many nations fighting to obtain compensation for the family members who lost their loved ones. On Thursday, April 16, a [live vigil was held on Instagram](#) by families of the victims on Flight 752.

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Women's shelters, sexual assault centres face funding shortfalls during COVID-19 pandemic.

It has been brought to attention that charities in New Brunswick are facing uncertainty as the [COVID-19](#) pandemic continues to impact lives in many ways, including financially. There is also a concern for vulnerable people such as victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

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Child sexual abuse expected to rise amid COVID-19 pandemic, experts say

[Alberta specialists](#) in the prevention of child sexual exploitation are anticipating a spike in cases in the months to come. COVID-19 has forced the closing of [the Little Warriors Be Brave Ranch](#) - a non-profit rehab facility near Edmonton for child sexual abuse survivors.

Members of staff will conduct online and telephone counselling for 25 teens and children who remain at the centre, along with some 75 other families across Canada.

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Judges release rising numbers of those convicted of violent crimes due to

son Paul Hulbert, inside his west-end apartment on the night of April 13th. Around 10 PM, his family discovered his body at The Conservatory building at 1025 Grenon Ave.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

[VIRTUAL Ottawa Monthly Drop-In Support Group for "Loss to Violence"](#)

[Trauma and Violence Intervention Research:](#)

[Victim Support Europe 2020 Annual Conference "Celebrating our past. Creating hope for the future."](#)

[Victimology, Victim Assistance, & Criminal Justice](#)

[Strides for Change: MADD Canada](#)

[National Conference for Victims of Impaired Driving](#)

SNAPSHOTS

[Owner of a Gatineau seniors residence charged with sexual assault.](#)

[The Supreme Court of Canada won't hear La Loche school shooter's sentencing appeal](#)

[Reforms in domestic violence legislation give a "Powerful message"](#)

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COVID-19 fears.

In the past few weeks, an increasing number of prisoners detained on serious offences have been ordered to be released from detention by judges concerned about the spread of COVID-19 in jails across Canada.

One of such offenders was [Kaynadid Abshir](#), who allegedly rented a silver Chrysler 200 four-door sedan and drove three gunmen to a Toronto residence on March 13 and waited until the target came home, followed him and shot him with nine-millimetre handguns. Another allegedly pistol-whipped and tasered two individuals in Ottawa over a drug debt. A third was allegedly involved in a Toronto strip mall shooting.

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Attention to the Need for Increased Funding for Victims During COVID-19: Involvement from the Attorney General and Federal Government.

As concerns surrounding the recent COVID-19 pandemic grow, Attorney General [Doug Downey](#) announced that \$4 million will be allocated to support victims of crime as well as the frontline workers working to "[uphold the administration of justice](#)" during this pandemic.

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SPOTLIGHT ON RESEARCH

Two Statistics Canada Surveys Reveal the Social Impacts of COVID-19

On April 8th, 2020 [Statistics Canada published](#) results from a survey conducted between March 29th, 2020 and April 3rd, 2020. Over 4,600 individuals across 10 provinces participated. This survey examined the perspectives of Canadians on the COVID-19 pandemic and their concerns during this time.

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