

MORNING NEWS DESK

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PICKERING / DURHAM

1. ([Durham Radio News](#)) Pickering Driver Charged with Impaired After 401 Wrong-Way Crash Kills One

A 38-year-old is dead after a pickup truck allegedly driven by an impaired driver travelled the wrong way on Highway 401 in Pickering early Sunday morning, striking another vehicle head-on. Durham Regional Police have charged the driver in connection with the fatal collision, which closed lanes for several hours.

2. ([Durham Regional Police](#)) Three Suspects Sought After \$145,000 in Equipment Stolen from Pickering Warehouse

Police are searching for three suspects following a brazen break-and-enter at a Pickering warehouse in which more than \$145,000 worth of equipment was stolen. The incident occurred overnight and surveillance footage is being reviewed; investigators are asking anyone with information to come forward.

3. ([INdurham](#)) Fire Damages Three Homes Under Construction in Pickering in Suspicious Blaze

Three homes still under construction were damaged in an arson in Pickering earlier this week. Durham Regional Police say the blaze is being treated as suspicious and investigators are appealing to the public for any information that could help identify those responsible.

4. ([CTV News Durham](#)) Durham Regional Police Launch New Downtown Oshawa Safety Initiatives for Summer

Residents and businesses in downtown Oshawa can expect an increased police presence this summer as Durham Regional Police Service rolls out new safety initiatives in the area. The measures are aimed at reducing violent incidents and improving community confidence in the city centre.

5. ([INsauga / INdurham](#)) Lakeridge Health Ordered to Overhaul Privacy Practices After Repeated Patient Record Breaches

Ontario's Privacy Commissioner has ordered Lakeridge Health — which operates hospitals across Durham Region including Ajax-Pickering — to overhaul its privacy policies after a systemic review found staff repeatedly accessed patient records without authorisation between 2023 and 2025. The review found that in some cases Lakeridge failed to remove offending staff's electronic access during active investigations, and delayed notifying affected patients by as much as ten months.

CANADA

1. ([Canadian Press](#)) Canadian Consular Officials Head to Canary Islands as Hantavirus Cruise Ship Prepares to Dock

Consular officials are on their way to the Canary Islands to meet with four Canadians aboard the MV Hondius, a cruise ship hit by a deadly hantavirus outbreak that has killed three people and infected several others. The World Health Organisation has confirmed the Andes strain is responsible; three other people with connections to the ship are isolating at home in Ontario and Quebec, though none are showing symptoms.

2. ([CBC News](#)) Carney Government Plans New Legislation to Cut Major Project Approvals to Two Years

The federal government is preparing to introduce new legislation to streamline regulatory approvals for all major energy and infrastructure projects, including pipelines, reducing decision timelines to two years. Government House Leader Steven MacKinnon confirmed the plans on Thursday, saying changes to both regulations and legislation are being considered to fulfil a key Liberal campaign promise.

3. ([Globe and Mail](#)) Manitoba Declares Public Health Emergency Over Soaring HIV Rates

Manitoba has declared a public health emergency in response to HIV infection rates nearly three and a half times the national average, the province's chief public health officer announced Thursday. Officials say the crisis is fuelled by converging pressures including homelessness, substance use and socio-economic inequality, and that Indigenous peoples in the province are disproportionately affected.

4. ([Canadian Press](#)) Air Canada Cuts Several U.S. Summer Routes, Citing Surging Jet Fuel Costs from Iran Conflict

Air Canada is ending several seasonal flights to American cities earlier than planned this summer, blaming soaring jet fuel prices linked to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Routes from Toronto to Sacramento, Vancouver to Raleigh, and Montreal to Austin are among those being halted, with the airline saying it expects to resume them next summer.

5. ([Al Jazeera](#)) Carney Secures Liberal Majority After By-Election Sweep, Vows Affordability Focus

Prime Minister Mark Carney's Liberals now hold 174 seats in the House of Commons — a working majority — following by-election wins in three ridings including Ontario's University-Rosedale and Scarborough Southwest. Carney has signalled that housing affordability and the economy will remain his central priorities as his government no longer needs opposition support to pass legislation.

INTERNATIONAL

1. ([Reuters / NPR](#)) U.S. Court of International Trade Strikes Down Trump's 10% Across-the-Board Tariffs

A federal trade court has struck down the Trump administration's attempt to impose a flat 10 percent tariff on all imports, ruling the measure illegal — the second time a court has blocked the president's sweeping tariff agenda. The ruling adds to mounting legal uncertainty around U.S. trade policy and is expected to be challenged by the White House.

2. ([CNN](#)) Iran Ceasefire Holds Tenuously as U.S. Forces Strike Iranian Boats in Strait of Hormuz

The fragile U.S.-Iran ceasefire agreed on April 8 continued to hold on Friday, but U.S. Central Command reported that American naval forces carried out defensive strikes against Iranian boats that launched unprovoked attacks in the Strait of Hormuz on Thursday. President Trump warned Iran to sign a permanent deal quickly, saying the U.S. would respond much more forcefully if attacks continue.

3. ([AP / Washington Post](#)) Rubio Visits Vatican to Ease Tensions After Trump's Repeated Attacks on Pope Leo XIV

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio met with Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican on Thursday to attempt to repair a deepening rift between the Trump administration and the first American pontiff. The visit came after Trump publicly criticised the pope's stance on Iran and nuclear disarmament; Vatican officials have described the relationship as at an unprecedented low.

4. ([NPR / AP](#)) North Korea Says It Will Deploy Long-Range Artillery Capable of Striking Seoul This Year

North Korea announced on Friday that it plans to deploy new long-range artillery systems capable of hitting South Korea's capital region in 2026, and that its first naval destroyer will be commissioned within weeks. Leader Kim Jong Un inspected the destroyer off the country's west coast, framing the military build-up as a response to perceived threats from the United States and its allies.

5. ([CNN / AP](#)) Deadly Volcanic Eruption at Indonesia's Mount Dukono Leaves More than a Dozen Hikers Missing

A rescue operation was under way Friday to locate more than a dozen hikers missing after a sudden eruption at Mount Dukono in Indonesia. Video captured by a guide near the crater showed a massive column of ash and smoke billowing from the volcano shortly before the hikers lost contact with authorities.