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BUSH TO BURMA: 'LET US HELP YOU'



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Most of Burma's 22,500 dead and 41,000 missing from Saturday's cyclone are from the Irrawaddy delta, where a tidal wave devastated villages. Pages A12-A13.

COMMENT

41,000 rejects lost in our midst

JOHN IVISON
in Ottawa

At ports of entry across Canada, new signs should be erected: "Give us your terrorists, your hardened criminals and your human rights violators."

As the Auditor-General's report on the Canada Border Services Agency suggested yesterday, this country is becoming a haven for the world's hoodlums, in the same way that Ellis Island represented

salvation for Europe's tired, poor and huddled masses.

The fault is not necessarily that of the Border Services Agency, which was set up in 2003 to co-ordinate front-line border management and enforcement activity. In fact, the agency is removing far more people from Canada than were being kicked out before it was created — 12,636 in 2006-07, including 1,900 criminals, up from 8,683 in 2002-03.

Sheila Fraser, the Auditor-General, agreed its performance has improved since her last audit five years ago, when it had no idea how many illegal immigrants were out there. Now it knows 63,000 individuals have enforceable removal orders against their names.

Unfortunately, it doesn't know where 41,000 of them are. That's like the population of Grand Prairie, Alta., just disappearing off government radar screens.

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OBAMA REGAINS MOMENTUM

DEMOCRATIC RACE

BY SHELDON ALBERTS

WASHINGTON • Barack Obama defeated Hillary Clinton last night in North Carolina's Democratic primary, giving the Illinois Senator a much-needed shot of momentum after enduring weeks of controversy over his incendiary former pastor.

Mr. Obama's victory in the

Tar Heel State gave him early bragging rights on a night when votes from Indiana's Democratic primary were still being tallied.

It may also mean that Mr. Obama will expand his pledged delegates in the Democratic race, giving him more ammunition to argue he remains the clear frontrunner for the party's presidential nomination.

North Carolina had 115 delegates at stake while Indiana had 72 delegates up for grabs.

With 15% of votes tallied in North Carolina, Mr. Obama had won 64% support compared to 36% for Ms. Clinton.

The early results in Indiana, where Ms. Clinton had campaigned more extensively, were still inconclusive at press time.

With 55% of ballots counted in the Hoosier State, Ms. Clinton had won 54% of the votes to 46% for Mr. Obama. The final result was expected to be close because votes were still being tallied in parts of Indiana considered to be Obama strongholds. They included the mostly black city of Gary and in Indianapolis, the state's capital.

Heading into yesterday's contests, Mr. Obama had accumulated 1,748 of the 2,025 delegates needed to clinch the Democratic nomination, compared to 1,609 for Ms. Clinton.

The former first lady has pledged to continue her campaign regardless of the results in both Indiana and North Carolina.

The campaign heads next to West Virginia on May 13, and then to Kentucky and Oregon on May 20.

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'Social revolution' nears its expiry date

Has B.C.'s InSite really reduced much harm?

BY BRIAN HUTCHINSON

VANCOUVER • It is getting to be old hat. Proponents of Canada's only supervised drug injection site held an

outdoor rally yesterday, in another attempt to draw more sympathy to their cause. Time is running out, again.

They pounded wooden crosses into the ground in Crab Park, where drugs are often consumed, where sex-trade workers sometimes bring their johns. A choir sang *Amazing Grace*. A preacher roared. "A cross is a symbol of political execu-

tion," declared local poet Bud Osborn, reading from a fistful of scribbled notes. "A cross is a symbol of social revolution."

That may be what the federal government fears. It may account for the latest delay, or hesitation, to fully endorse the facility, where, since 2003, clean syringes, assorted shooting equipment and nurses have been made available

to drug-toting users, free of charge.

Located in the heart of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, InSite was given clearance by the previous, Liberal administration to operate as a pilot project.

Some call it an affront, a misallocation of tax dollars.

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