

**OIL SANDS**

## Clinton declares opposition to Keystone

Front-runner in U.S. Democratic race deals blow to pipeline project amid Canadian election campaign where energy is a key issue

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The signature Keystone XL pipeline project, backed by two of Canada's major federal party leaders, now has a new foe: the woman who stands a reasonable chance of winning the White House.

Hillary Clinton, who polls suggest is the leading contender for the Democratic Party presidential nomination, declared Tuesday she is against Keystone XL, which would carry Canadian oil-sands crude to Gulf Coast refineries via Nebraska.  
Her announcement is another blow for TransCanada Corp.'s

Keystone project, which both Conservative Leader Stephen Harper and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau have supported as a means of creating jobs and getting Canada's petroleum resources to market.  
It lands in the middle of the Canadian federal election where Mr. Harper, Mr. Trudeau and NDP

Leader Thomas Mulcair have clashed on the right energy and environmental policies for the country as it grapples with the impact of weak oil prices.  
Ms. Clinton framed the news as a necessary act of decisiveness after years of debate on the file. A decision on Keystone that has been pending for seven years is

important as it has become "a distraction from the important work we have to do to combat climate change," she said in Iowa. "Therefore, I oppose it."  
Mr. Harper's campaign countered by arguing Keystone has significant backing among the American public.  
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**CITIZENSHIP**

## Bureaucrats warned Tories on legal risks of niqab policy

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Four years ago, as opposition to the wearing of the Muslim niqab built in Quebec, France and the Netherlands, citizenship and immigration minister Jason Kenney was approached by Conservative MP Wladyslaw Lizon. Mr. Lizon told him that he was shocked to see four women with their faces veiled taking the oath of citizenship at a ceremony in Mississauga. Mr. Kenney promptly instructed officials to create a requirement for uncovered faces when new Canadians take the oath.

His departmental staff either didn't grasp or weren't happy with what he was asking at first, internal government e-mails and memoranda show - producing ideas for accommodation instead. And even after they understood the request for a mandatory policy of uncovered faces, and rushed to give it to him, they were so concerned the courts would block Mr. Kenney's new policy that they warned him of the legal risks, and pondered warning him again.

The e-mails and memos form part of the public court record in Zunera Ishaq's successful challenge to the government policy on niqabs worn during citizenship oaths. The government is asking the Supreme Court to hear a last-ditch appeal before next month's election. Ms. Ishaq needs her citizenship to be able to vote.

The internal documents are a window onto policy development by a government whose major initiatives have repeatedly been struck down or watered down by the courts. Benjamin Perrin, a former legal adviser to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, wrote a study last year that found the government "lost and lost big" at the Supreme Court, and questioned whether the problem was in poor legal advice or in a failure to heed advice.  
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**REFUGEE CRISIS**



About 3,000 people have set up camp at the 'New Jungle,' in Calais, France. Most of them desperately want to go to England. PHILIPPE HUGUEN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## EU agrees to relocate 120,000 asylum seekers

Four countries vote against European Union plan aimed at easing strain on Greece and Italy. **NEWS, PAGE 9**  
Doug Saunders explains why Germany's mayors are putting out the welcome mat for refugees. **COMMENT**

**OUTBREAK**

## Guinea calls for more doses of Canada's Ebola vaccine

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Canada's experimental new Ebola vaccine has been so effective in halting the lethal disease that it should be expanded to five million people in high-risk regions of West Africa, but a looming shortage of the vaccine could severely curtail its success, says the

Ebola czar in one of the worst-afflicted countries.  
Clinical trials have raised hopes that the Canadian vaccine could be crucial in helping end the Ebola crisis, with early results showing it has been 100-per-cent effective in its first trials in Guinea, the impoverished West African country where the latest outbreak began in December,

2013. But with fresh cases of Ebola still stubbornly persisting in Guinea this month, health workers are rapidly depleting their supplies of the vaccine, according to Sakoba Keita, national co-ordinator of the Ebola response in Guinea.  
"If we don't expand the vaccine program, we'll have more Ebola cases," Dr. Keita told The Globe

and Mail in an interview at his office in Guinea's national Ebola co-ordination centre.  
"Only about 3,500 doses of the vaccine are remaining, and we have no source of funding to get more. It will run out soon. That's our problem now. We wish Canada would help us to get more of the vaccine."  
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## Can Volkswagen clear the air?

The software scandal strikes at the very heart of VW's appeal, Peter Cheney writes. Shane Dingman details how it happened and Greg Keenan looks at diesel's future. **Folio, Pages 10-11**

Environment Canada opens its own investigation.  
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**ABDUCTIONS**

## They came at night, besieged two yachts and left with two Canadians

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The gunmen arrived hours after sunset, into the darkness of a Philippine island idyll. Moments later, they left with four captives, two of them Canadian, part of a brazen abduc-

tion that has underscored the dangers of travel to parts of a country that likes to say, "It's more fun in the Philippines."  
The unknown assailants - 11 men armed with handguns and M16 assault rifles - came on two boats Monday night to the Holiday Oceanview Marina, a small

luxury destination on Samal Island.  
Samal is a short boat ride from Mindanao, the southern Philippines island plagued by violence from armed Communist groups and Muslim extremists.  
For nearly two decades, Abu

Sayyaf, an al-Qaeda-linked terror group whose leaders recently pledged allegiance to the Islamic State, has kidnapped dozens of foreign tourists, journalists and locals of other religions, demanding ransoms worth millions of dollars.  
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