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MEXICO AT THE CROSSROADS » FELIPE CALDERON

Thousands dead, billions of dollars spent, zero regrets

The President's tough all-out war on the drug lords is only one part of his plan to transform Mexico

BY MARINA JIMENEZ TORONTO

Nearly four years into Mexico's war on drugs, more than 22,700 people have been killed. The bloodshed continues unabated, and the citizenry remains terrorized by the cartels' macabre acts of violence.

But the man who unleashed this all-out assault on the drug syndicates says he has no regrets about being the first Mexican President to make this the centrepiece of his sexenio, six-year term. He says he had no choice.

"What was the option? If we ignored the criminals, we allow them to take over towns and communities and that's not fair to Mexican people," said Felipe Calderon, 47, in an interview with the editorial board of The Globe and Mail on Friday, the final day of his three-day visit to Canada.

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terms of time, economic resources and, unfortunately, costs in terms of human lives. But it is a battle in which our children's future is at stake and it is a battle that we will

Mr. Calderon, a Harvard-educated lawver and conservative Catholic, doesn't wear cowboy boots and lacks the tall swagger of former president Vicente Fox, but he is a decisive, confident speaker. >> SEE 'CALDERON' PAGE 15

IMMIGRATION

Ottawa to review visa rules after flap in India

Red-faced officials apologize to country it is trying to court, after dozens were barred from Canada over uniformed service

BY GRAEME SMITH PATIALA, INDIA AND CAMPBELL CLARK OTTAWA

The Harper government vowed to review its immigration rules after Canadian visa officers in India touched off a furor by barring dozens of people on the grounds that their service in army, police and intelligence units made them complicit in human-rights violations.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney issued an apology on Friday, saying Canadian immigration officials should never have cast aspersions on India's institutions. The incidents, he said, showed visa officers have too much latitude.

For a deeply embarrassed Harper government, the pledge and apology were an effort to repair relations with a country it has been courting: India's booming economy makes it a major target for attempts to build trade ties to the East.

And at home, the visa flap won't help Conservative efforts to woo a diaspora of more than one million Indo-Canadians; some were offended by the insult, others by the apology.

Canada and India now chalk up the incidents to overworked immigration officers in the New Delhi embassy, where about half of the 360 staff members work on immigration matters. Canada and India, Mr. Kenney said in a statement, work closely together on security.

"The Government of Canada therefore deeply regrets the recent incident in which letters drafted by public service officials during routine visa refusals to Indian nationals cast false aspersions on the legitimacy of work carried out by Indian defence and security institutions, which operate under the framework of democratic processes and the rule of law," he said.

The apology didn't end there: It came with a pledge that Canada will review its policy on declaring foreigners inadmissible. >> SEE 'INDIA' PAGE 8

CAMPUS DANGERS

Steroids in university sports and the drive to win at all costs

Football player who confessed to drug use exposes a widespread culture of cheating across schools

BY ALLAN MAKI

hen Joe Surgenor was ushered into the head football coach's office last month, he knew the jig was up. It took only a few minutes for him to break into tears and acknowledge there wasn't any need for a drug test; he'd been using Winstrol, an anabolic

steroid. Soon others from the University of Waterloo football team would admit to doing the same.

"There are a few of us who self-declared," Mr. Surgenor

said vesterday, acknowledging his part in what could be the biggest drug scandal to hit Canadian Interuniversity Sports.

"It doesn't feel good." The official test results have vet to be made public, but Waterloo and CIS officials are bracing for the worst. They know one of their athletes, Nathan Zettler, a Waterloo receiver, has been charged with possession of anabolic steroids for the purpose of trafficking. They know another Waterloo football player, Matt Valeriote, and a former team member,

PLAYER SPEAKS OUT

"To be perfectly honest, anyone who doesn't think there are seven to 13 players on every team [using performance-enhancing drugs] in the CIS, you're kidding yourself. There's at least that number. I don't think the CIS really wants to find out what's going on."

Joe Surgenor, 21

Eric Legare, have been charged with break and enter and possession of stolen property. None of the charges have been

proved in court. What the CIS is investigating after Waterloo had its entire football team tested is how deeply rooted the drug use was and whether it spread into Wilfrid Laurier, Guelph, Western Ontario and McMaster universities. "We're investigating to [what] extent it runs deeper in football," said Marg McGregor, the CEO of the CIS. >> SEE 'DRUGS' PAGE 10

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