

'Clean up your act,' PM tells NHL over Bertuzzi attack

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Prime Minister Paul Martin urged the National Hockey League Thursday to "clean up your act" because Canadians are sick of the violence that has marred the sport.

In extraordinarily blunt language, Martin described how Vancouver Canucks' Todd Bertuzzi's hit on rookie player Steve Moore of the Colorado Avalanche, must

serve as a wake-up call for Canada's national game.

"I think that Canadians feel that there is a problem with hockey, there is a problem with violence in sports. And that it should be dealt with."

Asked at a news conference if he'd use his stature as prime minister to somehow have an influence on the debate now swirling through the sports community over the Bertuzzi incident, Martin was clear. "I'd certainly say, 'Clean up your act.'"

Martin was pressed by reporters on whether his government would consider taking some sort of action if it feels the NHL can't police the sport properly by itself. He said he could "certainly discuss this" with his minister of sport, Stan Keyes.

But essentially, he added, there already is a mechanism to deal with the Bertuzzi incident to determine if the Vancouver Canucks star broke the law by attacking Moore, who is now in hospital with a broken neck.

"I mean hockey, no sport, is immune from the laws of the land. And authorities will decide if they should apply ... That's a decision that they will have to make. They'll have to bring their own judgment to bear."

Martin said "this kind of story" about violence in sport is unfortunately not new.

But he suggested there was something about the Bertuzzi attack that sets this incident apart.

"This is a particularly vicious attack."

The prime minister rejected the assertion that the incident has given Canada a black eye because hockey is so widely seen as its national sport.

"But I certainly don't think it's helped hockey ... I think that obviously hockey has a lot on its plate."

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Spain's '9/11'

Rush-hour attack
leaves nearly 200 dead,
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MADRID

More than 190 people were killed and more than 1,200 others injured as 10 bombs hidden in backpacks exploded in quick succession during Thursday's morning rush hour at three commuter train stations here.

Spain blamed Basque separatists, but a shadowy group claimed responsibility in the name of al-Qaeda for the worst terrorist attack in Spain's history.

The highly co-ordinated explosions went off within a 10-minute period. Three other bombs were discovered and detonated by the police.

Panicked commuters trampled each other, abandoning their bags and shoes, after two of the bombs went off in one train in the Atocha station in the heart of the Spanish capital of nearly four million people. Train cars were turned into twisted wrecks and platforms were strewn with corpses. Cellphones rang unanswered on the bodies of the dead as frantic relatives tried to call them.

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A police officer walks past the wreckage of a commuter train at Madrid's Atocha station on Thursday after 10 bombs exploded, leaving nearly 200 people dead and more than 1,200 others hurt during morning rush hour in the Spanish capital. REUTERS

BEEF PRICING DEBATE

Flawed program drove prices down: minister

But new report says
meat packers did not
profit unfairly

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A multimillion-dollar aid program intended to help cattle farmers through the mad cow economic crisis was flawed, Alberta's agricultural minister admitted Thursday as she unveiled a department report on beef pricing.

The federal-provincial program introduced last June was successful in moving a million cattle to slaughter, but it was poorly designed since it stipulated that farmers had to slaughter their cattle by Aug. 31 to qualify for money, Shirley McClellan said.

That forced too many animals into slaughterhouses at the same time, dri-



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Agriculture Minister
Shirley McClellan

ving down prices dramatically at the program's end, the minister said. In the bluntest criticism of the aid pro-

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gram to date from a provincial government minister, McClellan said Alberta and other western provinces raised concerns with Ottawa that including an end date and dollar amount for the program would unduly influence the market.

But those concerns were overruled.

"I probably should have walked away from that," McClellan said. "I've kicked myself since."

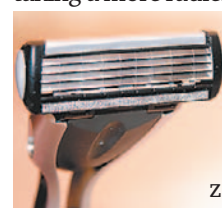
Federal and provincial agriculture ministers agreed to the flawed program, she said, because the cattle industry was in dire need of help.

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Shaving rivals lather up for blade, and bladeless, battle

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Canwest News Service

While rivals in the men's shaving industry cross swords in a razor blade rumble, their feisty counterparts on the women's side of the business are taking a more radical approach.



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