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Interviews by
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CANADA (ABORIGINAL)
by Wedlidi Spek

As the Hereditary Chief of the Namsis First Nation people, Wedlidi Spek describes himself as a bicultural first nations man caught in the web of contemporary times. Renowned travel writer David Stanley interviews Wedlidi on what it's like to live in two worlds at the same time, and what this means for contemporary Canadian society.



EGYPT
by Safwat Mentias

Recent tumultuous events in Egypt have captured the world's attention and generated numerous headlines in Canada. But how are these events experienced by ordinary citizens, and what dynamic has driven the dramatic changes in Egyptian society? Come and hear about Egypt from an Egyptian.

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CHINA
by Yi Pang

This nation of 1.3 billion people (that's 38 Canadas!) has been a source of immigrants to Canada for centuries. Yi Pan explores the reality of modern China beyond the headlines and astounding statistics.



SOMALIA

Somalia often makes headlines in the Canadian media for all the wrong reasons. But real people live there; find out what its like to live, work, and raise a family in Somalia from a Somalian.

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Interviews by
Katrin Roth
von Szepesbela



ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia is widely considered the region from which modern humans (homo sapiens) first set out for the Middle East and points beyond. But this ancient lineage has collided sharply with modernity; both prosperity and security have largely eluded the modern Ethiopian state. Find out more about this evocative country from an Ethiopian, and hear what life is like in this nation of 91 million citizens.



COLOMBIA
by Brenda Baute

The Republic of Colombia has a rich cultural heritage, boasting the first constitutional government in South America. Brenda Baute answers questions about her native country and the daily life of a Colombian citizen.

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October 23, 2013

Interviews by
Kate Bergen



IRAN / IRAQ
by Odai Sirri

Iraq has occupied a prominent place in the Canadian media since the fall of Saddam Hussein. Come and hear about life in Iraq from Odai Sirri who will respond to queries about its perilous past and uncertain future.



ISRAEL
by Ilan Goldenblatt

For such a small country (about the size of Vancouver Island), Israel looms large in discussions of the middle east. Kait Bergen interviews Ilan Goldenblatt about his home nation's contentious relationship with its neighbours.

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