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(Theme music plays) Radio Swift, first in everything, fastest in everything. (Theme music plays) This is CJ RJ Twelve Hundred AM. Swift News is next. Stay tuned to Radio Swift Twelve Hundred AM.

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Employees are on strike, with picket lines set up in Nanaimo, Williams Lake, Kamloops, Nelson, and Fort St. John. The BC General Employees' Union is demanding a 4% increase in 2025 and a 4.5% increase in 2026. However, the government's latest offer is 1.5% in the first year and 2% in the second, which was rejected by 97% of members. The union says their demands include wage improvements for lower-paid employees, specialized training, and including bonuses in base salary. Radio Swift's Samir Kaushal and Ginny Sims are reporting. Union president Paul Finch said employees are standing strong because their wages don't match inflation. He stated that job action will escalate as needed and they've ensured the picket lines' impact on the public is minimized. He added that if the government doesn't negotiate soon, the picket lines' impact will significantly increase. (News in English) Public service employees' job action has extended to the pre-trial centre on 57th Avenue in Surrey, where correctional officers joined the picket line in support of the strike. Dean Purdy, Vice-President of Corrections and Sheriffs Services for the union, stated that the Surrey pre-trial centre is among the locations province-wide where employees are striking.

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(Suspenseful music) According to Statistics Canada's latest figures, Canadians are buying fewer electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles. In the second quarter of 2025, total new vehicle registrations were up 5.9 percent compared to last year, but new battery electric vehicle registrations fell by 49.2 percent. Similarly, plug-in hybrid vehicle registrations decreased by 2.2 percent. On the other hand, hybrid vehicle registrations increased by 60.7 percent. A total of 517,568 new vehicles were registered in the second quarter of 2025. This is the highest number since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Among vehicle types, van registrations increased by 27 percent. During this period, new zero-emission vehicle registrations fell by 27.5 percent. This totals 46,306 vehicles, representing only 8.6 percent of new registrations in the second quarter. This share is down from 18.3 percent in the fourth quarter of 2024.

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(Suspenseful music) The federal government has announced it will launch a public registry to inform citizens about the government's use of artificial intelligence. The government's Chief Data Officer, Stephen Barrett, stated that government departments and agencies are rapidly increasing AI-related activities, but a comprehensive list hasn't existed until now. Treasury Board whistleblowers revealed that various departments have begun experimenting with AI in recent years. Prime Minister Mark Carney promised during the election campaign to utilize AI to improve government services. Similarly, Finance Minister Frank of Lake Champagne plans a 15% reduction in program spending by 2028. In August, the government signed an agreement with Canadian AI company Coherent to identify areas where AI can improve government operations.

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(Suspenseful music) Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim announced Monday that a permanent policing change will replace the temporarily established task force. This decision comes as the five-million-dollar, six-month funding runs out. The Mayor stated in a press conference that this initiative has brought violent crime in the city to its lowest point in two decades. He said violent crime is significantly down in Downtown Eastside and across the city. He stated that today's figures are similar to those of 2002, meaning this is the biggest decrease in 30 years. He said that building on this success, Downtown Eastside (DTES) will become its own policing district. Vancouver Police Chief Constable Steve Rai said creating District 5 will be a historic change to the city's four-district model. There will be a continued increase in police presence in the area. For now, DTES will remain part of District 2, which also includes the city's northeast. Additionally, the Mayor announced that a motion will be brought before City Council in October to create a new system, "BandStat," bringing together various city departments. This will provide monthly public data from police, fire, sanitation, housing, arts, culture, and business services, among others. Council stated that this will increase transparency and keep residents regularly informed about the work being done. This concludes this news bulletin. If you would like to submit information or clarify any news, you can call us at 778-202-1200 or email us at news@swift.ca. I am Sutting Darpal Singh. Thank you.

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(Trancy music plays) We will miss you, Swift Sabeer, Samir Kaushal and Ginny Simsinall.

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(Fast music plays again) The most discussed news is... While many important news stories exist, the most discussed is that Israel has attacked Qatar, specifically Doha, its capital, with missiles and bombs. They claim to have attacked 80 Hamas headquarters. Qatar condemned this act, calling it a cowardly attack. Israel claims to have targeted 80 sites, but many countries, including Pakistan, Morocco, UAE, and Saudi Arabia, condemned the attack and offered their support. Syria also condemned the attacks. Could this attack have happened without President Donald Trump's green light? Earlier reports suggested that a large Qatari company is investing approximately ten trillion dollars in the US. The US seemed very close to Qatar, yet Israel attacked Qatar's capital, Doha. How do you see it? Could Benjamin Netanyahu's military have attacked in this manner without Donald Trump's nod or green light? Israel does nothing without the US; if the US withdraws support, Israel faces immense danger. Imagine a country going into another country's capital and setting off bombs. Under normal circumstances, this would be an act of war and could lead to international conflict and UN intervention. Even today, Israel is accused of genocide. Ignoring Gaza is one thing, but Israel is ignoring this. More than 200 countries have joined in condemnation, yet look at Israel's audacity—bombing Qatar after all this. This is a Muslim country in the Middle East. Their reaction? They said, "You did wrong. You did wrong. You keep doing wrong." I mentioned the most discussed news at the beginning. I read between the lines of daily news, and this attack...there may be a story behind it. However, new documents from Jeffrey Epstein's case emerged yesterday from the House Oversight Committee. Another distraction. I don't know. But among them are letters signed by Donald Trump, the current president, for Epstein's 50th birthday in 2003.

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Discussion of Donald Trump's relationship with Jeffrey Epstein, featuring signed letters and a birthday card. Trump's denials and silence are emphasized. The Qatar strike and its consequences are also covered, along with White House and international responses.

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Geopolitical analysis of US-China relations within the G20 framework, focusing on economic power and potential conflicts. Nepal's situation is compared to past events in Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and Bangladesh.