

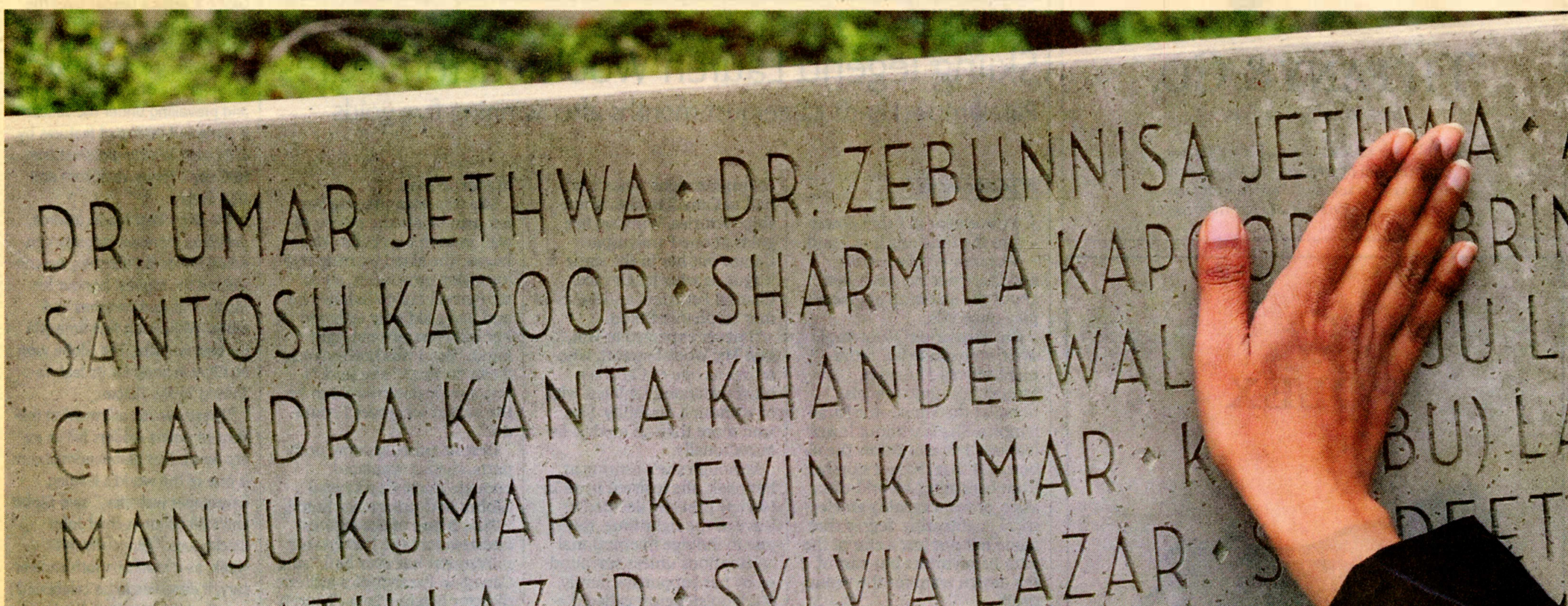
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## THE AIR INDIA REPORT

“The families have often been treated as adversaries, as if they had somehow brought this calamity upon themselves... The time to right that historical wrong is now – JUSTICE JOHN MAJOR



## A DAMNING INDICTMENT OF A BROKEN SYSTEM

**The report** Inquiry calls for radical overhaul of Canada's security system, changing roles of police, spies and prosecutors – and changing the way intelligence is gathered and processed under a national czar

BY COLIN FREEZE OTTAWA

It is sure to be the enduring legacy of the act of terrorism that killed 329 people aboard Air India Flight 182: a call by the head of the disaster's inquiry for no less than a wholesale revamping of Canada's national-security apparatus.

Former Supreme Court justice John Major outlined his bold vision to overhaul Cana-

da's national-security system Thursday, including changing the roles of the RCMP, spies, and prosecutors in the fight against terrorism, under the watchful eye of a new and empowered national security czar.

Mr. Major warned that some of the problems that existed 25 years ago when Flight 182 was bombed still exist today – and make us vulnerable to an-

**The reality** Federal agencies that failed to bring terrorists to justice 25 years ago still fail today, report concludes, as turf wars continue to hamper investigations. Drastic reform is needed to prevent another attack

other terrorist attack.

“A cascading series of errors contributed to the failure of our police and security forces to prevent this tragedy,” he said in summarizing his 4,000 pages of findings. “The level of error, incompetence and inattention which took place before the flight was sadly mirrored in many ways for many years.”

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**Renee Saklikar, who lost her aunt and uncle in the bombing, visits the Air India memorial in Vancouver Thursday.**

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For former suspect, there is 'no rush' to read the report

BY IAN BAILEY VANCOUVER  
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It was a day of painful answers for thousands of Canadians linked to the final report into Canada's worst terrorist attack, but Thursday was just another day at the office for Ripudaman Singh Malik, one of the men accused and acquitted in the 1985 Air India bombing.

Mr. Malik, whose fashion import firm Papillion Eastern Im-

ports Ltd. is amidst the slick eateries, boutiques and coffee shops of Vancouver's downtown Yaletown neighbourhood, had not read the long-awaited report into the destruction of Air India Flight 182, the crime for which he faced trial but was acquitted. He might, he said, find the time to look at it, perhaps on the weekend. “One day. No rush,” he said by telephone from his office.

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