



A team of rescuers helped an injured hiker on the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail on Sunday. ALBERNI VALLEY RESCUE SQUAD

Hiker rescued after falling into ocean

Times Colonist

A team of rescuers helped get an injured hiker to safety on Sunday after a fall along the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail.

The hiker fell into the ocean and suffered a leg injury, and had to swim to some rocks and wait for help.

The Alberni Valley Rescue Squad responded to assist Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue and the Port Renfrew Fire Department.

Members of the Alberni

Valley group's hoist team were deployed on an Airspan helicopter, while a fire department member was able to reach the hiker and provide initial first aid.

Two people were then lowered from the helicopter, splinted the injured leg and put the hiker in an evacuation harness for transport to a nearby beach area.

From there, the hiker was flown to Port Renfrew and met by a waiting ambulance crew from B.C. Emergency Health Services.

MPs to probe how terrorism suspect got into Canada

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The Canadian Press

OTTAWA — A House of Commons committee will investigate how a man who is now facing terror charges was admitted to Canada and obtained citizenship.

Members of Parliament on the public safety and national security committee voted unanimously on Tuesday to launch a study on the terror suspects arrested in the Toronto area last month.

Ahmed Foad Mostafa Eldidi, 62, and his son Mostafa Eldidi, 26, were arrested in Richmond Hill, Ont., and face nine terrorism charges including conspiracy to commit murder on behalf of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

The RCMP announced the charges on July 31 and said the two men were "in the advanced stages of planning a serious, violent attack in Toronto."

Most of the charges relate to activities that allegedly hap-

pened in Canada. The elder Eldidi, who the RCMP says is a Canadian citizen, is also charged with one count of aggravated assault outside the country.

A spokesperson said last week the police force is waiting for confirmation on the status of Mostafa Eldidi.

The committee will begin its study later this month and will invite Immigration Minister Marc Miller and Public Safety Minister Dominic LeBlanc to testify.

LeBlanc says federal departments are reviewing how two men with suspected links to a terrorist group abroad were allowed into Canada.

During a news conference on Monday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said the government will share findings "in the appropriate moment."

"We're taking this extremely seriously because Canadians need to have confidence in our immigration system," Trudeau said.



Wreckage of a Piper PA-28 Cherokee in a wooded area near Brisco. TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD OF CANADA, RCMP VIA CP

Safety regulator issues reminders after fatal plane crash near Brisco

The Canadian Press

RICHMOND — A report from the Transportation Safety Board says an investigation couldn't determine a specific cause of a fatal small plane crash in south-eastern B.C. last year, but it has prompted some reminders for operators.

A witness near Brisco called 911 on Nov. 24, 2023, to say they had watched the Piper Cherokee nose dive into the ground, but it took searchers another 17 hours before they found the wreck and the dead pilot inside.

The board's report says there was an emergency locator transmitter on board but it had been turned off and the stall warning light appeared to have been on when the plane crashed.

It says the plane wasn't equipped with oxygen masks, which are required when flying over 10,000 feet for more than 30 minutes, but it wasn't clear how long the pilot flew above that altitude.

The pilot also often used 91-octane gasoline instead of aviation-grade fuel, but maintenance records show that modification to the aircraft's fuel system required to use the octane gas wasn't completed.

While none of those issues can be linked to the crash, the board says operators need to be reminded to comply with required maintenance, to have oxygen masks when operating above 10,000 feet and to make sure emergency transmitters are operating.

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