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## Airlines must screen refugees

Carriers that bring passengers with false papers should be penalized, he says

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TORONTO - Foreign airlines that repeatedly bring to Canada refugees lacking identification or carrying false papers should be punished by losing their landing privileges, Ontario's Minister of Public Safety and Security said yesterday.

Bob Runciman, who has been urging the federal government to improve border security since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, said passenger carriers must take some responsibility.

"I support what I call 'three strikes, you're out' with landing privileges for airlines that ... bring people into the country without documentation," Mr. Runciman said. "If they do it more than once or twice, they should lose their landing privileges in Canada for a period of time."

He said Aeroflot, the Russian airline, is voluntarily collecting passengers' documents before departure and giving them to

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"I support what I call 'three strikes, you're out,' " Public Safety and Security Minister Bob Runciman says.

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customs officials upon arrival.

"That's so there's no chance to flush documents down the toilet," he said, adding the provincial government plans to broach the issue with Ottawa.

"If we have one or two or three carriers who are routinely violating this, the Canadian government should take action and do it quickly," Mr. Runciman said.

His comments coincided with the release of a new poll that found only 7% of Ontario residents believe refugees who arrive in Canada without any identification should be permitted to enter the country.

"The poll indicates that it's not just a concern of mine or our government," Mr. Runciman said.

"We've got to adopt a different approach [and begin] detaining people who come here without documentation or false documents and screening them," he said.

The poll by SES Canada Research also says 39% of Ontarians feel that refugees arriving without any papers should be refused entry. Half of those surveyed said such refugees should be kept in detention and 4% were unsure what to do about them.

Conducted between Jan. 23 and Jan. 27, the poll of 500 adults found people in Ontario have even less tolerance for refugees with false identification. The poll is considered accurate to within plus or minus 4.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

Almost two-thirds of those polled -- 65% -- said arrivals possessing phony documents should be refused entry and almost one-third -- 29% -- said such refugees should be detained. Just 2% believed they should be welcomed into Canada and 4% were unsure.

Nikita Nanos, president of SES Canada Research, said the data suggest the security measures Canadian travellers must now endure are having an effect.

"People have more personal experience to draw upon," Mr. Nanos said, noting Canadians appear to expect refugees to live up to a "burden of proof" about their identity.

"You have to show your identification three times just to get on a flight from Toronto to Montreal these days. If you can't get on a plane without showing any identification, why should you be allowed into Canada without any identification?" he said.

Mr. Nanos added the survey shows a growing caution toward undocumented refugees.



"The only kind of xenophobia that we might [infer from the poll] is that there is a pretty good number of people who want to send back anyone who arrives without identification."

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