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Canada's first Muslim female member of Parliament profiled in current issue of Statements

TORONTO, June 24 /CNW/ – “What drives me is social justice,” says Yasmin Ratansi, the first Muslim female member of Parliament in Canadian history. “I do not like injustice. I do not like thuggery. I do not like bullying. I like peaceful resolution.”

In “Public Interest,” the Liberal MP for Don Valley East describes her lifelong fight for social justice, from the prejudice of Tanzania to the partisanship of Parliament Hill: her flight from compulsory intermarriage in Tanzania, her determination to succeed as an immigrant in Canada, and her current status as the chair of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women as a member of the Official Opposition.

A certified general accountant (CGA) by training, Yasmin's profile is accompanied by profiles of fellow CGA politicians Bruce Crozier, Ontario Liberal MPP for Essex, and Carl Zehr, the longstanding mayor of Kitchener, Ontario.

Did the media miss the story of Canada's first Muslim female member of Parliament? How did Yasmin Ratansi change the look of the CBC's hit comedy *Little Mosque on the Prairie*? What does this Ismaili-Canadian have to say about the immigrant experience in Canada?

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