

Ukraine's PM lodges election appeal

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KYIV - Ukraine's parliament yesterday set Feb. 25 for the inauguration of Viktor Yanukovich as president while his rival, Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, launched a challenge to his election.

Parliament seethed with intrigue as the two camps sought to outmanoeuvre each other.

With Tymoshenko maintaining Yanukovich is not legitimately elected and refusing to quit as prime minister, tension ran high and prospects for a quick return to stability were dim.

"I am convinced there was systemic, fundamental, large-scale fraud," Tymoshenko told reporters after lodging an appeal at Kiev's High Administrative Court.

The court will look at evidence which alleges cheating by the Yanukovich camp at polling stations around the ex-Soviet republic of 46 million.

Yanukovich has denied there was any vote-rigging.

Uncertainty after a bitter campaign which resulted in a narrow win of 3.5 percentage points for Yanukovich threatens an early economic recovery.

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Émilie's story

Anatomy of a groundbreaking surgery at The Montreal Children's Hospital of the MUHC

MEET SEVEN-YEAR-OLD ÉMILIE GAGNON today and you'll see a normal, healthy little girl with long blonde hair and a beautiful shy smile. In fact, there are virtually no signs that, just four months ago, Émilie was wheeled into an operating room at The Montreal Children's Hospital of the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) for surgery to remove a brain tumour that had caused her to develop a severe form of epilepsy, causing sudden, unexpected blackouts.

We spoke to Dr. Jean-Pierre Farmer, Neurosurgeon and Surgeon-in-Chief, Dr. Harvey Guyda, Associate Executive Director of The Montreal Children's Hospital, and Émilie's mother, Ann Dignard, to learn more about this life-saving procedure, and about the incredible imaging technology—the first of its kind in a Canadian pediatric hospital—that made it possible.



Émilie is comforted as she undergoes anesthesia.

The Intra-Operative MRI machine cost more than \$10 million and was made possible thanks to generous donors of The Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation, including donations from Opération Enfant Soleil, The Sarah Cook Fund and Hydro-Québec.

- Q** Mme Dignard, tell us what Émilie's life was like before the surgery.
- A** It was terrible. She was becoming aggressive, she was sleeping a lot and we wouldn't let her cross the street or ride a bike for fear that she would blackout again.
- Q** Dr. Farmer, what did Émilie's surgery involve, and why was the Intra-Operative MRI so important?
- A** Émilie's tumour was about the size of an egg, and was pressing on her visual cortex—the part of the brain that controls what we see. The roots of the tumour reached deep into the grey matter of the brain, making it hard to detect where the tumour ended and where normal brain matter began.

- Q** Mme Dignard, what is Émilie like today?
- A** Everything is back to normal. We can live like a family again. Émilie is fine. She has no more headaches or seizures.

- Q** Dr. Guyda, what does equipment like this mean for patients and families at The Children's?


A We're incredibly pleased to be the first pediatric hospital in Canada to be able to offer patients this amazing new technology. Equipment like this is helping us transform how we care for our patients—a transformation that will take another major step forward when shovels hit the ground later this year for the new Montreal Children's Hospital at the Glen Campus.





Émilie is back to her lively self. Her brothers Olivier and David are happy, as is her cat, Marguerite.

Videos, photos ... Find out more about Émilie's story at thechildren.com/en/medias.aspx
See the official launch of the new MRI at muhc.ca/emilie

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