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Good morning,

Please find attached the following document produced by the FP Joint Intelligence Group

- 1) National Situational Awareness Report 018 – 2022-02-21

NOC - Can you please distribute to the following:

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DEOCs  
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Thank you.  
FP Joint Intelligence Group

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**From:** Morawiec, Garrett  
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**Subject:** FW: Diagonon

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Not sure if you've gotten this already. Thanks Jayson!

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**To:** Caron, Eliane <Eliane.Caron@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
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Lots of familiar names in the story that touch multiple divisions.

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**Subject:** Diagonon

Good morning all,

I'm sure some of you may have already seen this, but thought it was worth passing along....

[https://www.antihate.ca/holocaust denier travelling canada building up far right militia diagonon alex vriend](https://www.antihate.ca/holocaust%20denier%20travelling%20canada%20building%20up%20far%20right%20militia%20diagonon%20alex%20vriend)

Take care,

Ryan



While it is noted that not all individuals participating in “Freedom Convoy 2022” protests adhere to ideologically motivated violent extremist (IMVE) thinking, the presence of IMVE adherents have been noted in a few instances in relation to these protest events:

- In Ottawa, one truck participating in the convoy was found displaying a THREE PERCENTERS (III%) flag. The Three Percenters were listed as a terrorist entity in Canada in 2021 and have espoused anti-immigration and anti-Islam views in the past. No other references to the THREE PERCENTERS have been noted at convoy protests in recent days and the THREE PERCENTERS have not had visible presence in Canada since being listed as a terrorist entity.
- A few members of the DIAGOLON (adjacent to the PLAID ARMY) movement have also been seen in Ottawa during the convoy protests. DIAGOLON/PLAID ARMY emerged as a meme-based, satirical movement online in 2021, sharing anti-government and anti-vaccine/mandate views under the guise of humour. In recent days, prominent members of DIAGOLON/PLAID ARMY have espoused increasingly violent rhetoric opposing vaccine mandates. One member was arrested in January over firearms related offences and has since been seen attending convoy events in Ottawa, frequently warning supporters of imminent law enforcement action against the convoy demonstrations, and denouncing police enforcement of such as illegal. DIAGOLON adherents express desires to form a country based on right-leaning Canadian provinces and US states. Their grievances extend beyond COVID-19 restrictions and are centered on countering “politically correct” culture.
- CANADA FIRST, a white nationalist group, has also been observed in Ottawa. One CANADA FIRST adherent is accused of throwing rocks at the Prime Minister during the election campaign. This same individual has been observed in Ottawa during the convoy.

Outside of the organized IMVE groups, the convoy movement appears to create an ideologically charged environment in which individuals who may hold frustrations towards public health restrictions may feel this is their one chance to express their frustrations. The movement, given its widespread reach, is attracting individuals who may hold IMVE beliefs and may feel emboldened in their views amid the movement’s popularity. While the majority of convoy protesters are peaceful and denounce violence, the possibility of a lone actor attack, inspired by ideologically motivated beliefs, cannot be discounted. RCMP K Division (Alberta) recently seized a number of firearms from convoy vehicles at the Coutts AB blockade.

The blockades at international borders are also likely attempts at forming national solidarity with convoy protesters in Ottawa, with the knowledge that affecting critical transportation and economic infrastructure may pressure governments to repeal public health restrictions. Narratives questioning the loyalty and authority of police have also been circulating surrounding this movement in recent days.

We continue to track and analyze these developments and will provide updates as products are finalized.

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Great thanks

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I'm already pulling together material from previous work and will add to Ashley's work.

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Yes I know...I said the same to Mike  
Suggest we reuse material as well as much as we can if it remains relevant

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Will do our best but this is quite a lot of analysis and writing to do in 15 minutes.

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Just spoke with Mike M

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**Importance:** High

These would help



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I haven't read them yet.

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**From:**  
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**From:**  
**Sent:** February 21, 2022 9:44 PM  
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Interesting reads. I don't find them that bad.

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

----- Original message -----

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I believe Jody shared these with DMOC members on Saturday.

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**Subject:** OSINT Products  
**Importance:** High

Hello –please find two documents attached.

- 1) ***Trucks and Trojan Horses*** – this is a draft assessment of what we can garner from OSINT and from a few community inputs. It implicitly if not explicitly highlights several intelligence gaps (including threat assessments) - this includes social media analysis, financing, analysis of the organizers and foreign influencers. We do however believe that the protests will continue in various forms; that the events may have attracted more participants to alt-right movements, galvanized some of the more aggressive elements, and that there is a heightened possibility of violence from individuals or small groups and that the risk to government and elected officials has increased. We also make a number of other observations that are relevant to the public policy discussion.
  
- 2)

Regarding the possibility of a quick revocation of the Emergencies Act one thing I would worry about is that if there are events, non-violent or violent, that require these authorities again in the near future - it would be some strange to see the GoC having to reinstate the Act especially without solid intelligence/threat assessments that demonstrate the threat is diminished and the appropriate capabilities were in place.

I hope this is helpful. Cheers – M.

(Any formatting issues in the above products are solely my responsibility).

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TRUCKS AND TROJAN HORSES

16 February 2022

## PRELIMINARY OSINT ANALYSIS OF THE "FREEDOM CONVOY 2022"

### KEY POINTS

The "Freedom Convoy" protest and occupation is not an unprecedented event. Severe economic or societal stresses amplified by rapid technological change deepen societal alienation and provide breeding grounds for civil unrest and social polarization. However, the convergence of several elements make this protest/occupation somewhat more sophisticated and unique: the use of social media for organizing and communicating both internally and externally, the use of misinformation and disinformation to promote certain narratives, the use of crowdfunding and cryptocurrencies, blockade tactics and logistics, the virulence of discourse towards government and elected officials, appropriation of national symbols, international support and recognition, knowledge of police enforcement tactics, and disruption in multiple Canadian cities and border crossings.

The overwhelming majority of protesters around the "Freedom Convoy" have denounced violence and are not directly aligned to or members of any specific group or ideology. There is clearly a wide range of participants from the ideologically motivated, the disenfranchised, people just fed up with the pandemic and protest tourists. While the initial and nominal rallying cry for protestors was around vaccine mandates and public health measures, there is a general distrust of government institutions, perceptions of excessive government control and an anti-elite sentiment. Adherence to conspiracy narratives is also prominent.

The movement is also attracting individuals who hold ideologically motivated violent extremist (IMVE) beliefs and may feel emboldened in their views amid the movement's perceived popularity by national and international supporters.<sup>1</sup> Xenophobic and neo-Nazi flags were on display at a number of events, as well as the symbols and some adherents known to be associated with alt-right movements, Diagonol, Canada First, Kingdom of Canada and the Three Percenters.

It is unlikely that premeditated violence will take place, however, some individuals "lone actors" or small groups motivated by an anti-government/militia worldview could be willing to engage in serious violence to further their objectives. The seizure of a cache of weapons in Alberta indicates a willingness to use violence. A 'lone actor' attack remains the most likely use of violence. Non-empirical analysis of social media suggests heightened risks for government and elected officials.

It is highly unlikely that there is centralized leadership exerting clear and consistent command and control across the whole protest movement. Nonetheless, several individuals have presented themselves as core spokespeople and seem to exert some level of control. Many of these core spokespeople/organizers are connected to extremist views, have used threats, and have previous connections with the 2019 United We Roll campaign. Previous protests in the Canada and the U.S. have seen populists, alt-right groups, white supremacists, conspiracy advocates etc. prove adept at infiltrating, co-opting, or even taking over grievance-based protests. The risk being that movements are used wittingly or unwittingly as "Trojan Horses" for political agendas that undermine or attack government institutions, the rule of law, and human rights.

The “Freedom Convoy” has received significant international financial support and publicity. The bulk of financial flows to the “Freedom Convoy” are small amounts (e.g., C\$100 or less).<sup>2</sup> According to unverified leaked information from Give Send Go, from 2-10 February, almost 56% of total transactions (comprising less than C\$4 million), came from the USA. Canadians donated more money, however (C\$4.3 million). Financial support has likely reinforced the protestors’ resolve. A significant portion of engagement and activity continues to come from US online communities, driven by key US influencers, alternative media and political actors.<sup>3</sup>

The “Freedom Convoy” itself or new entities that emerge from it are likely to continue for several weeks and will seek new opportunities to protest, occupy and disrupt. It may also embolden other groups and individual movements across the ideological spectrum. There are also risks that the protests may serve to deepen and harden new and existing cleavages within Canadian society. As the protests persist, these feelings may become more entrenched and form the basis for longer-term societal schisms.

### Motivations

The “Freedom Convoy” is a broad cause around which individuals are rallying, the majority of whom are not aligned with any specific group or ideology. Many participants have little to no connections with the trucking industry but espouse a range of anti-public health and other grievances, both online and in-person.

There is, however, a smaller group that espouse more extreme views and who are likely leveraging the protest to advance their own anti-government/authority agenda.

Fueled in part by conspiracy theories, unifying characteristics of the “Freedom Convoy” include opposition to public health restrictions and vaccines mandates, general distrust of institutions and perceptions of excessive government control. This also includes personal grievances (e.g., loss of employment due to COVID).

Recent emergency measures will likely reinforce the core ideological beliefs of these individuals. Narratives consisting of “holding the line” and there is “no police solution” contribute to this.

Xenophobic, neo-Nazi flags and conspiracy theory symbols and rhetoric were on display at a number of events. Similarly, a number of online threats have been made, many against public health and government officials.<sup>4</sup>

Even though objectionable, these symbols have been seen at other protests. And, while they do not explicitly portend violence, they have generated alarm, condemnation and fear amongst many Canadians and human rights and other organizations. Aboriginal, Jewish, immigrant, LGBTQ2, women’s and other civil rights groups have expressed serious concerns at the symbols and rhetoric being used.

We are not aware of any organized and/or premeditated acts of ideologically motivated violence.

Nonetheless, some violence could occur in response to enforcement action, or in the course of protest activity.<sup>5</sup> The combination of highly emotive issues with large crowds could lead to spontaneous acts of violence.

Lone actors or small groups may also use the convoy as cover to conduct acts of ideologically motivated violence.

### Leadership

The “Freedom Convoy” and convergent protesters are mainly decentralized. It is unlikely that there is a central leadership exerting clear and consistent “command and control” across the whole movement. Indeed, it appears that several of the nominal leaders are competing for the microphone and have different messaging.

Some current and former law enforcement, intelligence and military have joined the protesters. There are estimates in the media of 150 such individuals. In public statements, some have highlighted their past security work for the government even as they claim the Parliament elected last fall has no legitimacy. The assistance of such individuals may also generate perceptions that enforcement personnel are fragmented over public health measures.<sup>6</sup>

Moreover, we judge that some protesters may acquire defensive equipment (gas masks, protective clothing, etc), or acquire basic operational counter-policing and counter-intelligence techniques.

According to a body of media reporting, the following individuals—who have past connections with the 2019 United We Roll campaign—seem to exert some level influence, notably:

Tamara Lich has established herself as the convoy’s main organizer and spokesperson. At the onset of the convoy, she welcomed the support of a group known as Canada Unity that called for the Senate and the Governor General to take over government and end vaccination mandates.

Chris Barber is a fully vaccinated trucker from Saskatchewan who says he supports peaceful protests. He is opposed to “government overreach,” trucking associations who do not support the convoy, and Prime Minister Trudeau and the Liberal government.

Benjamin Dichter is a double vaccinated podcast producer who ran unsuccessfully for the Conservatives in Toronto-Danforth in 2015. He was the leading organizer of the now frozen GoFundMe campaign.

Pat King is a resident of Alberta and has a large following on social media; he effectively encouraged convoy participants to comply with Ottawa’s anti-honking injunction. King appears to have extreme views—he has hundreds of thousands of views of his social media postings that veer into conspiracy theories, reportedly including an immigration scheme that would see the “depopulation of the Caucasian race”. His online and public rhetoric referred to plans to target politicians’ (doxing) homes and that “the only way that this is going to be solved is with bullets.”

We do not know the extent, if any, and the nature of the connections between “Freedom Convoy” participants and any listed terrorist entities in Canada.

## Size & Scope

The “Freedom Convoy” is dynamic and its size varies; the number of protestors ranges from dozens of individuals to several thousand, notably on weekends in Ottawa (up to 8000 people, including some protest “tourists”). The actual number of participants is difficult to gauge although along with organizers there appears to be a few hundred in a committed core.

There are a small number of protestors within the “Freedom Convoy” movement with more extreme anti-government, anti-authority and conspiratorial views and motivations.<sup>7</sup> While this does not mean that they will engage in serious violence to achieve their political objectives, recent arrests in Alberta that uncovered weapons and armoured protective gear indicate the potential for serious violence.

The long-term intent of this small group of committed individuals will likely pose a challenge to national security agencies and law enforcement.

### Communications and Social Media

Preparations for the convoy protests reportedly largely began on the [redacted] cross-platform messaging app. This platform has enhanced privacy and encryption features as well as large group chat features.

One of the larger [redacted] channels appears to have approximately 30,000 followers. There appears to be a [redacted] channel for most countries experiencing protests.

The “Freedom Convoy” also uses [redacted], originally designed as a communications application for frontline emergency workers, to share updates and logistics. For example, during the Ambassador Bridge blockade, protesters used a channel called [redacted] encouraging protesters to “hold the line”, until the channel was hacked.

Protest movement interaction via various social media feeds likely reaches millions of people; as an analog, according to diplomatic reporting, protesters in NZ posted 365 videos in the last week, which generated 4.9 million views.

Misinformation and disinformation has permeated the protest occupation – while we are not seeing organised foreign interference at this stage it does represent a clear opportunity authoritarian states and extremists groups to further promote their narratives.

### Financing

Our understanding of the financial flows in support of the convoy is limited. We do not have the data to determine the precise amounts, nor the exact origin, of all the foreign sources of funding. It is clear, however, that there is significant funding from foreign donors. Media Reports indicate that the U.S. is the largest foreign donor and that there have been donations from several countries including: U.S., U.K., Australia, Israel, Ireland, and several others.

According to unverified information leaked from crowdfunding site GiveSendGo, almost 56% of individuals who donated (totalling less than C\$4 million dollars) are based in the USA. This crowdfunding campaign also included contributions from anonymous donors (including a large transaction of US\$215,000)<sup>8</sup>.

At the aggregate level, we believe that most financial transactions are small amounts.

Protesters have established at least two bitcoin fundraisers. This could allow them to raise large amount of funds that would otherwise raise suspicions if conducted through regular personal or business banking accounts. The use of the cryptocurrencies also points to the convoy leaders’ understanding of regulatory oversight.

Although the risk of the convoy-related fundraising being used to fund terrorist activity is currently very low, the approach of the “Freedom Convoy” is consistent with the financing trends observed amongst IMVE threat actors, notably the use of cryptocurrencies.

In addition to these crowdfunding options, open sources suggest that cash donations are accepted and some organizers intend to auction convoy-branded clothing to raise funds. A quick survey of on-line anti-political and other protest products shows a surprising array of purveyors and products.

### Foreign Influence

The “Freedom Convoy” has received support internationally. A significant portion of engagement and activity continues to come from US online communities, driven by key US influencers, alternative media and political actors. US Republican political figures, including former President Donald Trump, Sen. Ted Cruz and Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene have publically supported the movement in Canada.<sup>9</sup>

We have not observed any significant indicators of foreign state-linked interference. Aggregated reporting from both the RCMP and GAC (RRM Canada) notes organic activity by average users and citizens is driving a significant proportion of content and engagement online.<sup>10</sup>

We do not know the extent, if any, of any “operational” cross-border connections between designated terrorist entities associated with far-right groups in Canada with like-minded sympathizers in the USA.

### Outlook

We continue to assess that the vast majority of protesters are non-violent, though arrests and charges have resulted; there are probably diverse views regarding the use of violence.<sup>11</sup>

The presence of some families at events probably limits the likelihood of violence. Nonetheless, national narratives to “hold the line” and to adopt protest actions that could significantly disrupt critical infrastructure are indicative of an escalation in protest tactics.

The protests will likely continue for a long period of time in different forms. Their base of support will likely grow and expand to fit a wider set of narratives and perceived grievances.

The protests are not limited to the physical occupation as they include significant online and media participation from all over the country (and internationally) and represent a broader challenge with potential long-term societal impacts.

The undercurrents of social discord that permeate the discussion include:

- **We the people:** a separation between what is perceived as the common citizen (or Canadian street) versus the political elites.
- **Government has failed:** feelings of dissatisfaction and mistrust of government and its institutions because they are seen to have failed to protect and serve the citizenry. This includes government as a whole, as well as individuals (e.g. MPs, Cabinet, and the Prime Minister).
- **The erosion of rights and freedoms:** belief that inherent rights and freedoms guaranteed by Canadian law have been eroded or withheld. This drives the imperative to take action and regain these rights and freedoms.
- **Us vs. Them:** when perceived lines are drawn in the sand delineating the in-group and the out-group (e.g. those making a stand for freedom and those who are not). There is an additional risk that identity may become tied to the movement itself as opposed to the initial motivations for protesting.



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## ENDNOTES

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<sup>1</sup> RCMP IMCIT, Feb 16

<sup>2</sup> RCMP IMCIT, Feb 16

<sup>3</sup> GAC RRM Canada input, Feb 15

<sup>4</sup> RCMP, IMCIT, Jan 31

<sup>5</sup> RCMP Special Threat Advisory, Feb 10

<sup>6</sup> RCMP IMCIT, Feb 16

<sup>7</sup> RCMP IMCIT, Jan 25, 2022

<sup>8</sup> RCMP IMCIT, FEB 16

<sup>9</sup> GAC RRM Canada input, Feb 15

<sup>10</sup> RCMP IMCIT, Feb 10 & GAC RRM INFO, FEB 13

<sup>11</sup> RCMP, IMCIT, Feb 10

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**From:** Little, Kristen  
**Sent:** April 25, 2022 2:16 PM  
**To:** Chen, Ashley; Kruk, James  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Divisional Analytic Support - Public Order NTL - April 2022  
**Attachments:** Copy of FP JIG COVID - National Tracking H Div.xlsx

FYI – James do you mind saving this in the NTL folder for this month under divisional responses

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**From:** Fisher, Michelle <Michelle.Fisher@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 25, 2022 1:55 PM  
**To:** Little, Kristen <kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Divisional Analytic Support - Public Order NTL - April 2022

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**From:** Little, Kristen <kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 14, 2022 9:06 AM  
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Good Morning,

This request is related to public order for our monthly National Threat Landscape Strategic Assessment. As usual, we are looking to our divisional contacts for any insight you can provide on the topics below. We are requesting any information you have by **end of day, April 22nd**. Nil responses would also be appreciated.

**PUBLIC ORDER Topics** (instances where there is reasonable suspicion of criminality, where there are public safety and/or officer safety concerns and where an event can have national implications that may impact public order and/or public safety).

- Anti-Public Health Order
  - **We are aware there is a Rolling Thunder Ottawa/Biker Convoy converging in Ottawa on April 29/30 which will likely see out of province participation and would appreciate any information you come across on this**
- Climate Issues (including Old-Growth Logging)
- Wet'suwet'en solidarity actions

Please send any information related to the public order topics to Ashley Chen [ashley.chen@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:ashley.chen@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) Kristen Little [kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca), and cc the IMCIT inbox [FPNI\\_IMCIT-PFRN\\_ERCCI@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:FPNI_IMCIT-PFRN_ERCCI@rcmp-grc.gc.ca). If you have already

been sending updates as they are identified, you can continue to do so. As always, if you see something come up in your area you think should be added to the list, please let IMCIT know.

If you have received this email and are no longer the point of contact for IMCIT or public order events, please let us know and we will update our contact lists.

Thank you,

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**To:** Chen, Ashley; Kruk, James; Little, Kristen; Piamonte, Kandi  
**Cc:** Archibald, Andrew; O'Hayon, Greg; King, Brandon  
**Subject:** FW: Sit Rep #106: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-09

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**From:** Ducharme, Lisa <Lisa.Ducharme@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** February 9, 2022 8:17 PM  
**To:** Morawiec, Garrett <Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Sit Rep #106: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-09

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**From:** Poloz, Adriana <adriana.poloz@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
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**Cc:** Lai, Anna <Anna.Lai@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Sit Rep #106: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-09

\*\* Please be advised that this will be the last Sit Rep of the evening, as long as the situation remains stable. Sit Reps will resume at 0900hrs on 2022-02-10\*\*

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

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**From:** "Rusk, Melissa" <Melissa.Rusk@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
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**From:** Morawiec, Garrett  
**Sent:** February 15, 2022 5:54 PM  
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**Sent:** February 15, 2022 3:37 PM  
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**From:** Morawiec, Garrett  
**Sent:** February 16, 2022 10:36 AM  
**To:** Chen, Ashley; Kruk, James; Little, Kristen; Piamonte, Kandi  
**Subject:** FW: Sit Rep #143: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-16

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**To:** Chen, Ashley; Kruk, James; Little, Kristen; Piamonte, Kandi  
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**From:** Maisonneuve, Elaine  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 19, 2022 3:04:53 PM (UTC-05:00) Bogota, Lima, Quito, Rio Branco  
**To:** Rusk, Melissa; Duheme, Michael; Flynn, Mark; Paradis, Michele; Whelan, Alison; Chauvin, Melanie; Hanniman, Krista; Poloz, Adriana; Ferguson, Bonnie; Baylin, Richard; Finn, Keith; Beaulieu, Alexandre; Tomlinson, Jamie  
**Cc:** Bouchard, Annie; Monette, Mitch; Efford, James; Vinette, Nathalie; Dumoulin, Stéphanie; Panizzon, Mario; Rupa, Sorab; Vaillant, Josee; Efford, Sue; Clarkin, Danielle; Bradley, Jolene; Radmore, Cheryl; Leduc, Karen; Whyte, Angela; O'Beirne, Mike; Falls, David; Angeles, Ernesto; Maclean, Mike; Norman, Tara; Harvey, Sandy; Blake, Sophie; Gauthier, Gabrielle (NHQ)  
**Subject:** Sit Rep #164: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-19

### Situation as of 1504 hrs on 2022-02-19

#### Event Overview:

- **No demonstrators** reported to be on **Parliament Hill** at this time.
- **Several hundred people reported on surrounding streets.**
- Please refer to @OttawaPolice for updates on the ongoing police operation. As of this afternoon, approx. 47 protesters have been arrested and vehicles are being towed. Some vehicles have left the downtown core on their own
- OPP Police Liaison Teams continue to monitor the Fort McMurray convoy in Arnprior and convince them not to come downtown
- Gatineau and SQ police:
  - o Have arrested one protester
  - o Are aware of a 2 small convoys entering Gatineau
  - o Are aware of a walking protest that is scheduled to cross the Portage Bridge at approx. 13:00. RCMP is also aware of this potential route





and denouncing police enforcement of such as illegal. DIAGOLON adherents express desires to form a country based on right-leaning Canadian provinces and US states. Their grievances extend beyond COVID-19 restrictions and are centered on countering “politically correct” culture.

- CANADA FIRST, a white nationalist group, has also been observed in Ottawa. One CANADA FIRST adherent is accused of throwing rocks at the Prime Minister during the election campaign. This same individual has been observed in Ottawa during the convoy.

Outside of the organized IMVE groups, the convoy movement appears to create an ideologically charged environment in which individuals who may hold frustrations towards public health restrictions may feel this is their one chance to express their frustrations. The movement, given its widespread reach, is attracting individuals who may hold IMVE beliefs and may feel emboldened in their views amid the movement’s popularity. While the majority of convoy protesters are peaceful and denounce violence, the possibility of a lone actor attack, inspired by ideologically motivated beliefs, cannot be discounted. RCMP K Division (Alberta) recently seized a number of firearms from convoy vehicles at the Coutts AB blockade.

The blockades at international borders are also likely attempts at forming national solidarity with convoy protesters in Ottawa, with the knowledge that affecting critical transportation and economic infrastructure may pressure governments to repeal public health restrictions. Narratives questioning the loyalty and authority of police have also been circulating surrounding this movement in recent days.

We continue to track and analyze these developments and will provide updates as products are finalized.

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### NS Media Scan for August 24, 2022

#### 'Freedom' Convoy

#### **Defence chief got legal advice on military's role after Emergencies Act invoked: memo**

- Canada's defence chief received a legal memo that appears to address questions around the role of the military in aiding law enforcement shortly after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau invoked the Emergencies Act to clear out the so-called "Freedom Convoy" in February. At the same time, the documents show front-line border officers were instructed to pull aside foreign nationals who were entering the country to join the convoy, and conduct secondary screening on those individuals. The documents are part of a cache obtained by Global News through access to information laws that shed new light on how senior defence officials weighed the risks and role of the military in what is now widely described by law enforcement and political leaders as an occupation of the nation's capital. "Given the lack of precedent it is not completely clear how, or if, orders or regulations tied to a public order emergency can be used to task or empower the CAF. NDA authorities are robust, known and contain no additional risks in their use," the document states. "The Emergencies Act is clear that a declaration of a public order emergency shall not be construed or applied to derogate from provincial and municipal (and where applicable, RCMP) control over its police forces." Officials inside the Department of National Defence were also privately warning of the need for a strategy to deal with reports of Canadian Forces members who were supporting the demonstration. [Global News](#), August 24.

#### **TUPC says it's prepared to use private prosecution at St. Brigid's. Here's what that means**

- William Komer says his experience with private prosecution in London, Ont. — after he unsuccessfully argued that police discriminated against him on the basis of his gender — gives him confidence The United People of Canada's (TUPC) efforts to stay in an Ottawa church they're being evicted from will succeed. But he provided no evidence that he was successful, and no avenue to verify his claims. Komer is a director of the controversial group with ties to the Freedom Convoy that set up shop at St. Brigid's in recent months. He said the organization has private prosecutions ready and is prepared to pursue the rarely used legal option to assert its right to stay at the former church, where the owner is evicting TUPC.
- Canada's Criminal Code allows anyone who believes an offence has occurred to start a private prosecution, according to Karen Bellinger, a staff lawyer at the University of Toronto's Downtown Legal Services. It's generally done when police have declined to lay charges in situations such as a dispute between neighbours, she added. TUPC has not said who it would file private prosecutions against, but it

has spoken out against Mayor Jim Watson, people protesting their presence at the church, the leader of a community association and a bailiff. The latter has said TUPC is "basically squatting," and has been trying to evict them for days on behalf of the building's owners. Experts describe private prosecution as a legal move that comes with many hurdles, as well as a "rip cord" the Crown can pull at any point to end the process.

- Over the weekend, Komer also told reporters TUPC was being discriminated against by various organizations in Ottawa, from the Lowertown Community Association to the office of Mayor Watson, who has called the group "a bit of a joke." Asked how TUPC had been discriminated against, the director said TUPC was being targeted because it's inclusive of all people and perspectives, including "freedom fighters." He said the group intends to take legal action against the mayor and various community organizations, including all 3,608 signatories of a petition calling on the city to take over St. Brigid's or help another local organization do so. [CBC News](#). August 24.

## **RCMP**

### **RCMP head says claims of political interference after N.S. mass shooting 'not based on fact'**

- The head of the RCMP has repeated her stance that she didn't deal with political pressure to make firearms details about the Nova Scotia mass shooting public, saying government officials were simply "asking" and not directing — which is a "big distinction." Commissioner Brenda Lucki faced questions from the Mass Casualty Commission leading the public inquiry into the April 2020 mass shooting on Tuesday in Halifax, as well as from a lawyer for most of the victims' families. Michael Scott of Patterson Law asked Lucki about various topics, including concerns from Nova Scotia RCMP members that the Liberal prime minister and minister of public safety wanted details of the perpetrator's firearms released ahead of their gun control legislation.
- On Tuesday, Lucki again said that then-public safety minister Bill Blair never directed or ordered her to disclose the makes and models of the guns during the April 28, 2020, press conference — Blair's office was simply checking on whether it would be included. She added that the firearms were just one point in a long list of issues the minister and federal government were interested in around the mass shooting, including the emergency alert system and the gunman's mock RCMP car.
- When Scott suggested that an ask from people in power can carry more impact and seem like a direction, Lucki said she "didn't ask the question" but in fact the ask went through staff from the national RCMP headquarters. She also expressed exhaustion about being asked similar questions over and over again, having spoken to the House of Commons committee looking into political interference in July and the commission interviewing her about the issue in August. "I'm trying to explain myself seven different ways from Sunday here, I'm just — I find myself a little bit frustrated because I ... know the conversations I had with the minister," Lucki said. "There was never any direction." Blair has denied ever asking Lucki to pressure the RCMP to make the information about the guns public. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said the government did not put any "undue" pressure on the RCMP. Lucki also told the public inquiry how the mass shooting in Nova Scotia became a "turning point" where residents lost faith in the Mounties, following criticism from the public and media which spiralled into low morale across the forces' ranks and a spike in retirements or transfers. [CBC News](#). August 23.

## **IMVE**

### **Diagon: What to know about the group whose founder shook Pierre Poilievre's hand**

- Conservative leadership front-runner Pierre Poilievre came under fire this past weekend after an image of him shaking hands with Jeremy Mackenzie, the founder of a group known as “Diagolon,” emerged. Shortly after the image surfaced on Mackenzie’s public Telegram channel, NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh called on Poilievre to “denounce Jeremy Mackenzie and Diagolon,” who he said are “designated as violent extremists by Canada’s Integrated Terrorism Assessment Centre.” Singh was referring to a report from Press Progress, which last week published a document it obtained through access-to-information from the Integrated Terrorism Assessment Centre, a federal organization that assesses threats of terrorism to Canada. The document, dated Feb. 17, 2022, classifies Mackenzie as one of the “key anti-government IMVE (ideologically motivated violent extremism) adherents” that attended the so-called “freedom convoy” protests in Ottawa earlier this year. The Canadian government has not expressed formal concern about Diagolon nor does it list the group as a terrorist entity.
- A drug-addled demonic goat named Phillip. A fictional diagonal country running from Alaska to Florida. An alleged plot to kill RCMP officers in Coutts, Alta. Founders of the group say it’s all one big joke, a meme, and they’re just a group of anti-establishment comedians. The demonic goat and fictional country were the product of “several edibles,” to hear Diagolon founder Jeremy Mackenzie tell it. His telegram channel has more than 13,000 members, and he has at least 10,000 subscribers on YouTube. But after a patch bearing the group’s insignia was found alongside weapons seized by the RCMP near the border in Coutts in February, some extremism experts say they are concerned about what the multi-hour livestreams could inspire their viewers to do.
- Mackenzie said he was “pretty ripped on edibles” one night in 2020. That’s when the 36-year-old military veteran realized the states without COVID-19 mandates, when highlighted, formed a diagonal line across the North American continent. The Canadian government has not expressed formal concern about Diagolon, though Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino did refer to “a far-right extreme organization” in relation to the blockade in Coutts. “Several of the individuals at Coutts have strong ties to a far-right extreme organization with leaders who are in Ottawa,” he said at the time. He did not name the organization. Diagolon is not listed as a terrorist entity according to Canada’s Anti-Terrorism Act — and according to Amarasingam, it doesn’t fit that definition. He said the danger with Diagolon, rather, lies with how its viewers might internalize the cynical worldview Mackenzie and other affiliated broadcasters present.
- As anti-COVID-19-mandate demonstrations paralyzed the border at Coutts in February, the RCMP said they became aware of a small, organized group at the protest that had “a willingness to use force against the police.” In a subsequent raid, Mounties uncovered 13 long guns, handguns, a machete, a large quantity of ammunition and body armour. They also found two tactical vests — adorned with what Canadian Anti-Hate Network researchers believe were Diagolon patches. A 2023 trial date was set for the four accused in this raid July 11. Mackenzie denies that the patches are affiliated with his group. A post on a website dedicated to Diagolon suggests the patches are fake and being “used to frame community members.” Meanwhile, the Diagolon founder has said in livestreams that he’s “not doing anything.” He’s just “commenting” on the “destructive” behaviour of others — including those in positions of power. [Global News](#). August 23.

### **Calgary neo-Nazi group claims responsibility for hanging racist banner over Macleod Trail**

- A banner bearing a phrase coined by one of America’s most famous white supremacists hung over a busy Calgary street one August weekday. The image popping up around the internet is the only thing that remains. And that might have been the point. The banner that hung over Macleod Trail used a phrase penned by white nationalist and convicted felon David Lane: “We must secure the

existence of our people and a future for white children.” The Southern Poverty Law Center calls the phrase, known as the 14 words, “a rallying cry for militant white nationalists.” White nationalist social media channels that claim to be in Alberta shared the images on Aug. 8. The originating post appeared to come from a nascent group called “Wild Rose Active Club” with a quote from Adolf Hitler’s *Mein Kampf*. Those images and posts are then used as recruitment propaganda, according to one man with inside knowledge of the modern neo-Nazi movement. The Calgary Police Service hate crimes unit confirmed to Global News they are investigating the incident.

- Wild Rose is one of many so-called athletic clubs that have been spreading through North America in recent years. Barbara Perry, director of the Centre on Hate, Bias and Extremism at Ontario Tech University, said this latest iteration of neo-fascists have refined their tactics and strategies to appeal to young, lonely isolated men. “It bills itself as a place for young white men to go and network and train in physical fitness,” Smith explained. Perry said she’s seen these extremist groups recruit in the online gaming community. Videos on social media of active clubs show calisthenics and combat training. The decentralized movement of active clubs was started by Robert Rundo, who is believed to be in self-imposed exile in Serbia, Smith explained. Rundo ran a variety of white power street gangs like the Rise Above Movement (RAM), a kind of street enforcement against growing Black Lives Matter protests. But Canada’s active clubs are coordinated by the Vinland Hammerskins, an older, white-power gang “with a very long history of violence,” Smith said. The decentralized structure allows Rundo and other figureheads to claim ignorance and plausible deniability. [Global News](#). August 24.

### **Foreign Interference**

#### **Leader of Russian Orthodox Church in Canada defends war on Ukraine**

- As Moscow’s war on Ukraine reaches the six-month mark, a top leader of the Russian Orthodox Church in Canada has echoed the Kremlin’s talking points on the conflict, insisting in a recent interview the unprovoked invasion was justified and decrying as “ridiculous” Canada’s sanctions on the church’s war-boosting patriarch. Archbishop Gabriel of Montreal and Canada referred to Ukrainian forces as “neo-Nazi” and inspired by “demonic” forces, and said his parishes would continue to commemorate in services Patriarch Kirill, the church’s head. Gabriel — whose birth name is George Chemodakov — is Canadian head of the Russian Orthodox Church outside Russia (ROCOR), one of two branches of the Moscow-aligned denomination in this country.
- His remarks underline that even some Canadians with ties to Russia embrace the Kremlin’s disinformation about the war and defend its actions, while various governments and human-rights organizations accuse Moscow of rampant war crimes. “Russia was forced to take steps to protect itself from the neo-Nazis who were shelling civilians in Donbass for eight years, and continue to this day,” Gabriel told Pravoslavie.ru, a website dedicated to news about the church. He portrayed Russia’s unprovoked invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24 as a reaction to “Ukrainian nationalists who for many years were killing peaceful citizens ... They don’t act in a Christian way but at the instigation of demonic powers — there is no other way to call that absolutely barbaric, reckless nationalism they profess.” He also said civilian attacks blamed on Russians were actually perpetrated by the Ukrainian military to undermine Moscow’s image, a common refrain from Russia for which there is little if any evidence. The archbishop’s remarks earned a stiff rebuke from the office of Foreign Affairs Minister Melanie Joly. The Ukrainian embassy in Ottawa

suggested strong action be taken. “Such statements by (one of) Putin’s cronies is just another proof that these people should be banned from Canada,” said an embassy spokesman. “That is the only way to stop the lies.”

- One ROCOR church in Toronto has for years actually raised money for the so-called Donetsk People’s Republic in Eastern Ukraine, set up by Russian-backed separatists, said Rev. Alexander Laschuk, executive director of the University of Toronto’s Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies. Last month, the Canadian government included the patriarch on a list of 29 individuals being sanctioned for spreading disinformation, with Joly saying “the Russian propaganda machine must answer for its lies.” [National Post](#). August 24

## **Terrorism**

### **Canada’s spy agency concerned Afghanistan will be ‘safe haven’ for extremists: docs**

- Canada’s domestic spy agency warned the government in October that the Taliban’s return to power in Afghanistan could increase the risk of religiously motivated extremism in Canada, documents reviewed by Global News suggest. Additional newly released documents also suggest Canadian government officials were caught off guard by the speed of the Taliban’s takeover last summer, although the terrorist organization’s resurgence was seen as a foregone conclusion by Canadian intelligence officials as early as May 2021. In October, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) warned Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino that Afghanistan could become a hotbed for extremist organizing, and that so-called “extremist travellers” returning to Canada could increase the risk of religiously motivated extremism domestically.
- In a letter to Mendicino, CSIS Director David Vigneault warned that “religiously motivated violent extremism” remains a concern for Canadian officials, “especially with the Taliban regaining control in Afghanistan and the continued prospect of returning extremist travellers.” The briefing, which is partially censored, said the Taliban’s return to power will “destabilize security in the region” and would “likely attract other insurgent groups.” Religiously motivated extremism inspired by groups like Daesh or al-Qaida has taken a back seat in Canada’s national security discourse due to the rise of what CSIS calls “ideologically motivated violent extremism” (IMVE). That includes far-right and white supremacist groups that have proliferated and gained prominence in Canada, the United States and Europe over the last decade.
- “Similar to (ideologically motivated) actors, there is an increasingly robust online (religious extremist) presence able to inspire attacks, which can be planned and executed with little warning,” the document reads. “While the threat of (extremist travellers) is not exclusive to the (religiously motivated extremism) milieu, there are Canadians with a range of training and experience acquired while abroad that make them an especially dangerous threat to national security, particularly if they return to Canada.” [Global News](#). August 23.

### **UN Security Council members split over ban on Taliban officials' travel**

- Under a 2011 Security Council resolution, 135 Taliban leaders are subject to a sanctions regime that includes asset freezes and travel bans. Thirteen of them benefited from an exemption from the travel ban, renewed regularly, to allow them to meet officials from other countries abroad. But this exemption ended last Friday, after Ireland objected to its automatic renewal for another month. In June, the Sanctions Committee in charge of Afghanistan, comprised of the Security Council's 15 members, had already removed from the exemptions list two Taliban ministers responsible for

education, in retaliation for the drastic reduction in the rights of women and girls that was imposed by the hardline Islamist regime.

- Several Western countries would like to further reduce the list, according to diplomatic sources. They highlight the failure to respect the commitments to uphold human rights or fight terrorism that were made by the Taliban when they returned to power a year ago. China and Russia, however, supported a regular extension of exemptions list. Since last week, and again Monday, several compromise proposals that would more or less shrink the list of officials concerned, or the number of authorized destinations, have been rejected on both sides, according to diplomatic sources. Pending a possible decision, none of the Taliban officials on the sanctions list can travel. That was of particular concern to the Taliban's foreign minister, Amir Khan Muttaqi, who has visited Qatar several times in recent months for diplomatic discussions and who was among the 13 exemptions. [Global News](#). August 23.

### **Mozambique's jihadi rebels launch new offensive in north**

- A new offensive by Mozambique's Islamic extremist rebels in the embattled northern province of Cabo Delgado has increased the number of displaced by 80,000 and undermines the government's claims of containing the insurgency. The rebels have expanded their area in a campaign that has lasted for more than two months. The new offensive, which started in June, follows a period of relative calm when the commander-general of Mozambique's national police had declared that "the war against terrorism is almost at an end." That claim proved to be hollow as the fighters have struck further south than ever before, burning villages and beheading civilians in the Ancuabe, Chiure and Mecufi districts which had previously been untouched by the conflict since it began in October 2017. The latest bout of violence brings the total number of people displaced in Cabo Delgado to just under 950,000, according to estimates by the International Organization for Migration. Mozambique's security forces and the allied foreign troops have succeeded in driving insurgents from the main towns of Cabo Delgado into the forests, but this has effectively put rural civilians on the frontline. Since June, the insurgency has been characterized by relentless hit-and-run assaults on undefended villages, forcing the military and police off-balance as they rush to respond from one incident to the next. The 16-nation Southern African Development Community is due to decide in August whether to further extend its military intervention, which originally had a mandate for three months, beginning in July 2021. The experience of the last year suggests that more than just military force is needed to bring the insurgency to heel, say analysts. [AP News](#). August 23.

### **Somali PM Vows Accountability after Deadly Hotel Attack**

- Somalia's prime minister is promising accountability after the latest al-Shabab attack, on a popular Mogadishu hotel, killed 21 people and injured 117 others. Al-Shabab has been carrying out raids on hotels, government ministries and installations since 2010. While this attack is not unique, observers believe the group was responding to recent rhetoric from new Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, who said he has come up with a new strategy to weaken the group before opening the door for possible negotiations. The government and its allies will wage military, ideological and economic war against the group, the president said. Al-Shabab is attempting to counter the government's pronouncements, said Samira Gaid, executive director of the Hiraal Institute, a Mogadishu-based research institution. A senior Somali government security official who requested anonymity because he does not have authorization to speak to the media told VOA Somali that security branches believe al-Shabab surveilled the hotel before the attack. He said security officials believe the attackers watched video of the entrances and the hotel's rooms. Officials said they are investigating whether other people inside the hotel aided al-Shabab. Officials are not ruling out the possibility that some individuals who assisted in the attack hid among those rescued and escaped. [VOA News](#). August 22.

### **International**

## US airstrikes target Iran-backed militia in Syria

- The US military said it carried out airstrikes in Syria's Deir Ez-Zor early Wednesday, targeting facilities used by militant groups tied to Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC). The attacks were conducted on the orders of President Joe Biden. The US military shared no information about casualties or specific targets. It was not clear whether the strikes were carried out by manned or unmanned aircraft. Colonel Joe Buccino said the attacks were "necessary to protect and defend US personnel." The US military's Central Command said the strikes "took proportionate, deliberate action intended to limit the risk of escalation and minimize the risk of casualties." Buccino, Central Command's spokesperson, said the airstrikes were in response to an August 15 drone attack by Iranian-backed militias targeting the al-Tanf Garrison used by US forces. There were no casualties reported from this event. Iran denied having any ties to sites targeted by the United States, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Nasser Kanaani said, according to the ministry's telegram channel. This is not the first time the United States has struck Iran-backed forces in Syria. In June last year, it targeted operational and weapons storage facilities at two locations. There are about 900 US troops in Syria, mostly in the east. Iranian-backed militias are heavily present west of the Euphrates river. [Deutsche Welle](#). August 23.

### Conflict in Ukraine

#### **Biden announces nearly \$3bn in US military aid to Ukraine**

- The United States has announced nearly \$3bn in new military aid to Ukraine, with President Joe Biden saying the assistance aims to help the country defend against Russia's invasion "over the long term" as the war entered its seventh month. In a statement on Wednesday, as Ukraine marked its independence from the Soviet Union, Biden said the \$2.98bn package would allow Kyiv to acquire air defence systems, "artillery systems and munitions, counter-unmanned aerial systems, and radars". This is the single largest US aid package for Ukraine since Russian forces began their full-scale military invasion of the country in February. Al Jazeera's Kimberly Halkett, reporting from the White House, said the package marked "a real shift in posture" because the support will be used for "buying and purchasing [military equipment] for the long term". "Initially, what US security assistance [for Ukraine] was focused on was immediate needs. In other words, the Pentagon supplied what it had in stock, and shifted it over as quickly as possible," Halkett said.
- Wednesday's announcement comes just days after Washington announced an additional \$775m in military aid to Kyiv, with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken saying on Friday that the Biden administration was committed to helping Ukraine "for as long as it takes". A senior US defence official told reporters that the package will include surveillance drones, anti-tank missiles, as well as for the first time, mine-resistant vehicles. The conflict in Ukraine has "entered a war of attrition", Melinda Haring, deputy director of the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center, told Al Jazeera on the completion of six months of the Russian invasion, with much of the focus now on the country's south and the fate of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant. [Al Jazeera English](#). August 24.

#### **Six months after invading Ukraine, Russia itself is feeling the pressure**

- Much has been written over the past six months about the war's brutal effect upon the people of Ukraine and their pulverized cities. But one expert following the conflict closely is now paying increasing attention to what he suspects are signs that the Russian regime itself is starting to unravel. The recent murder of ultranationalist Darya Dugina, 29, in Moscow has piqued the interest



of observers who believe it's a sign of growing, violent divisions within Russia over the war. The daughter of philosopher Alexander Dugin — a man often referred to as "Putin's brain" because of his reported influence over the Russian leader — died in a car bombing last week. The Russian security service (FSB) has spun different scenarios since the bombing, one of which blames the Ukrainians.

- The government in Kyiv has vigorously denied involvement in the attack. Maloney said Moscow's explanation "smells like Stalinist disinformation" and ignores the growing split in Russian society between those who fervently support the war and anti-war activists who are becoming increasingly vocal. Elsewhere on Wednesday, news broke of the former mayor of Russia's fourth-largest city being arrested on charges of discrediting the country's military. Observers see it as part of a crackdown on critics of Moscow's military action in Ukraine. Last week, a member of the Federation Council, the upper chamber of Russia's legislature, denounced his own daughter as a "traitor" after she gave an interview condemning the war. At the onset of major combat operations, there were a few prominent people inside Russia — notably jailed opposition leader Aleksei Navalny — saying support for the war would wane if the Russian people stood up and opposed it. The Russian Army's inability to quickly conquer Ukraine has been evident. The political and social splintering of a society — especially in an authoritarian regime — is harder to see until it explodes into the open, Maloney said. For the moment, the Kremlin is keeping a tight lid on dissent. Dugin has blamed Ukraine for his daughter's murder and is calling for revenge. [CBC News](#). August 24.

## **International**

### **Russia eyes Iran as sanctions-busting backdoor for oil sales**

- Russia plans to use Iran as a backdoor to circumvent international sanctions over Ukraine if Tehran's nuclear accord with world powers comes back into force, Western diplomats say. Moscow dispatched teams of trade and finance officials as well as executives from Gazprom and other companies to Tehran in July following Russian President Vladimir Putin's meeting with the Iranian leadership to lay the groundwork for closer cooperation between the two countries. In recent weeks, Iran also sent two official delegations to Moscow focused on energy and finance. Among the senior officials in attendance were Iranian central bank chief Ali Saleh Abadi, Deputy Economy Minister Ali Fekri, and the head of the Iranian legislature's economy committee, Mohammad Reza Pour Ebrahimi. The Iranians spent several days meeting with their counterparts and private sector executives, according to the diplomats.
- The principal attraction of Iran is that it provides a backup route to sell sanctioned Russian crude oil — the Kremlin's chief source of hard currency. Russian oil exports face an almost total embargo from EU countries from December, but if an international nuclear accord is struck with Iran, that would provide a perfectly timed Plan B for Putin. Under what traders call a "swap" arrangement, Iran could import Russian crude to its northern Caspian coast and then sell equivalent amounts of crude on Russia's behalf in Iranian tankers leaving from the Persian Gulf. Iran would refine the Russian oil to sate its own ravenous domestic demand while, thanks to the nuclear pact, the Iranian oil exported from the south would be exempted from sanctions. In addition, Iran could eventually use its fleet of tankers, once freed from sanctions, to pick up Russian oil in ports outside the Caspian.
- This get-out-of-jail-free card depends on whether the atomic deal, under which Iran would limit its nuclear activities in return for sanctions relief, is renewed. Many diplomats involved in the talks say a deal is close, though neither the U.S. nor Iran has accepted the EU's latest proposal. Among the proposal's most vocal supporters is Mikhail Ulyanov, Russia's ambassador to Vienna-based international

organizations, including the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency. This week, Ulyanov praised what he called Iran's "quite reasonable drafting suggestions" to the EU's proposal.

- The swap strategy has enjoyed varying degrees of success in the past. Swaps had to be suspended more than a decade ago when Iran complained that it was losing money on the arrangement and that Russia was providing substandard crude. This time around, Iran would also have to find a way to bridge any complications associated with Russia's crude selling at a heavy discount on global markets because of the sanctions.
- In addition to the attractions of energy cooperation, several diplomats have noted that Moscow is also looking broadly across Central Asia, Iran and Turkey to find loopholes around restrictions on goods' imports. Sanctions are dramatically squeezing Russia's ability to rebuild its shattered military hardware as Moscow struggles to find vital imports, ranging from microchips to vehicle components, so it needs new supply lines. Russia is well aware that Iran has a long pedigree in finding such alternatives. Even as years of sanctions have hobbled Iran's economy, Tehran has proven adept at finding ways to subvert controls, primarily by turning to China and other Asian partners. Russia is eager to tap into that expertise and is betting that Iran would face few consequences for cooperating with Moscow because Western capitals would be at pains not to endanger a freshly reenacted nuclear accord. Político. August 24.

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Andrew, thanks for sharing.

Product proposal: A Canadian-centric IM icon/symbols index, no more than 3 pages, to be used as a sort of cheat sheet for RCMP and LE partners. See attached outline (included are some proposed symbols/icons – actual items would depend on what’s recommended by IAs). It would be a joint effort with each member contributing from their field of expertise.

Thoughts?

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Here are some older tools that I have.

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Hey, if anyone has a document about IMVE symbols or flags that would be share-able to J-Div, can you let me know.

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Hi Ashley

By chance would your team have a powerpoint or document regarding the IMVE symbols/flags. Some of the members are requesting the info so they are able to recognize it when out in the field. My info is kinda spread out across multiple documents and training so I wanted to touch base to see if there is something your group might have.

Thanks

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## Scott, Matthew

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**From:** Kruk, James  
**Sent:** May 26, 2022 9:17 AM  
**To:** Little, Kristen  
**Subject:** RE: NTL Draft  
**Attachments:** FPNI IMCIT - NTL SA 2022-04 - 2022-05-XX - DRAFT KL - JK Comments.DOCX

Looks really good! Don't have much meaningful to change, I just tried to harmonize "the IMCIT" and removed some fbclid tracking junk and that kinda stuff.

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**From:** Little, Kristen <kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** May 26, 2022 8:54 AM  
**To:** Kruk, James <James.Kruk@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** NTL Draft

Have a looksee. Some of yours and Ash's stuff overlapped so I just combined sentences where possible  
Anticipating multiple rounds of edits I don't try to align the screenshots with anything until the end cuz it screws up all the spacing

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## Scott, Matthew

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**From:** Chen, Ashley  
**Sent:** February 15, 2022 12:48 PM  
**To:** Morawiec, Garrett  
**Cc:** Kruk, James  
**Subject:** RE: STA updated  
**Attachments:** RCMP FPNI IMCIT - STA 2022 09 - DRAFT 3.docx

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Draft 3 updated with more points about potential insider threats.

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**From:** Chen, Ashley  
**Sent:** February 15, 2022 11:25 AM  
**To:** Morawiec, Garrett <Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Kruk, James <James.Kruk@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** STA updated

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Hi G, as discussed, I've updated the STA to include an assessment on insider threats, updated the Coutts AB seizure, and included a one-liner relating to the special purpose for this edition of the STA.

Thanks,  
AC

Ashley Chen

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**Scott, Matthew**

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**From:** Larson, Nathan  
**Sent:** July 7, 2022 5:43 PM  
**To:** Kandi Piamonte (kandi.piamonte@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)  
**Subject:** Camp Eagle

Hey Kandi,

Flagging for when you get a second – Canadian Anti-Hate Network Twitter page has a picture from Camp Eagle in which a person is holding the Diagonal flag.

-NL



**Scott, Matthew**

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**From:** Piamonte, Kandi  
**Sent:** April 20, 2022 2:45 PM  
**To:** Morawiec, Garrett  
**Cc:** Larson, Nathan  
**Subject:** Daily Inputs 2022-04-20  
**Attachments:** 2022-04-20 Daily Inputs - IMCIT NS.DOCX

As requested.

Cheers,

Kandi

## Scott, Matthew

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**From:** Morawiec, Garrett  
**Sent:** April 6, 2022 5:02 PM  
**To:** Piamonte, Kandi; Larson, Nathan  
**Subject:** Diagonal Paper

Hey Guys,

This is great stuff! I didn't review what FPNS said so I hope I didn't suggest anything counter to them.

Probably the biggest thing is perhaps the order of the paper and maybe including an outline section near the top due to the size (let's the reader know what to expect). So, not much.

Maybe we can arrange tomorrow am for us to go through it together, we can discuss, make changes and get over to FPNS for a second review before we send it to Lisa.

I was thinking cutting and pasting a much shorter version for the investigators and this version for the analysts but Eliane didn't seem too concerned when I spoke to her last week.

I've save it here: R:\NHQ\NI-NICC\IMCIT\2 - OPERATIONS\2022\Intelligence Files\DIAGOLON - NEED TO KNOW under the GM version.

Garrett

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## Scott, Matthew

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**From:** Larson, Nathan  
**Sent:** April 8, 2022 4:05 PM  
**To:** Piamonte, Kandi; Morawiec, Garrett  
**Subject:** RE: Diagonon, Plaid Army, Raging Dissident & friends...

Guess I'll see you on Monday after all, Kandi lol

Have a great weekend too.

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**From:** Piamonte, Kandi <kandi.piamonte@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 8, 2022 4:03 PM  
**To:** Morawiec, Garrett <Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Larson, Nathan <Nathan.Larson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Diagonon, Plaid Army, Raging Dissident & friends...

I'm intimately familiar with that file.



You have no idea how excited I am about this. Interested to see what the "ask" is.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Kandi

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**From:** Morawiec, Garrett <Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 8, 2022 3:44 PM  
**To:** Larson, Nathan <Nathan.Larson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Piamonte, Kandi <kandi.piamonte@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Diagonon, Plaid Army, Raging Dissident & friends...

Whoever is in the office next, if you can start digging into ....

Thanks,

Garrett

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**From:** Lima, Charles <Vadnais.Lima@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 8, 2022 3:41 PM  
**To:** Morawiec, Garrett <Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Diagonon, Plaid Army, Raging Dissident & friends...

That's the spirit!

No rush,

Have a look at . let me know your thoughts and if you're still interested afterwards...



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**From:** Morawiec, Garrett <[Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
**Sent:** April 8, 2022 3:33 PM  
**To:** Lima, Charles <[Vadnais.Lima@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Vadnais.Lima@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Piamonte, Kandi <[kandi.piamonte@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:kandi.piamonte@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>; Larson, Nathan <[Nathan.Larson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Nathan.Larson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Diagonal, Plaid Army, Raging Dissident & friends...

Hey Charles,

This would be new ground for my team but nothing in policy/mandate say's we can't. Traditionally, we find leads and hand them over to FPNS and leave the investigative aspect to them, plus they hold the governance piece on all things NS.

but hope to be back in the office next week. I'd like to discuss the scope of this with you and then go to my A/DG and FPNS for approval.

Long story short, we would be interested in helping out wherever we can, and yes, we have SPROS.

It will be interesting to see what the art of the possible is here...

Garrett

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**From:** Lima, Charles <[Vadnais.Lima@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Vadnais.Lima@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
**Sent:** April 8, 2022 2:17 PM  
**To:** Morawiec, Garrett <[Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Diagonal, Plaid Army, Raging Dissident & friends...

On that note,

Would members of your team be interested in working on an actual investigative project?

I guess the better question is, *"can members of your team work and provide assistance on an IMVE NS project dealing with Diagonal?"*

Your team has access to SPROS?

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**From:** Morawiec, Garrett <[Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
**Sent:** April 8, 2022 1:01 PM  
**To:** Lima, Charles <[Vadnais.Lima@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Vadnais.Lima@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Diagonal, Plaid Army, Raging Dissident & friends...

Hi Charles,

My team is just finishing up a paper on Diagonal and whether it constitutes a group (but it also contains a lot of other info in it). We were asked by FPNS to write it but I'll look to get it over to you guys as well.

It's based on open source as we (currently) can't draw from ongoing investigative holdings but I think it's a pretty good baseline never-the-less.

Garrett

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**From:** Lima, Charles <[Vadnais.Lima@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Vadnais.Lima@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
**Sent:** April 8, 2022 8:42 AM  
**To:** Morawiec, Garrett <[Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Diagonon, Plaid Army, Raging Dissident & friends...

Good morning Garrett,

Hope all is well,

We met during your IMVE presentation last month at the SNIC, and I was wondering if I could seek the assistance of your team on a IMVE project that I'm involved with.

Looking to see if you have any info about the Diagonon movement, their leadership, how they recruit and operate.

Let me know if you're interested.

Charles



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## **NOR Highway Port of Entry Disruption Updated 2022Jan21 (updates in red)** **Freedom Convoy 2022 January 27 - 29**



An unknown number of commercial truck drivers in Canada are planning a protest(s) against Covid restrictions between now and January 29, 2022. One of the main complaints of the protest is the recent requirement for truck drivers to be vaccinated to enter/return to Canada; CBSA highway ports of entry (PoE) are a focal point of these driver's frustrations. The concentration of their activity is expected between January 27 and January 29, 2022.

The method proposed by adherents to "Freedom Convoy 2022" is to restrict movement on major highways and at CBSA ports of entry. This will be by a "slow roll"; trucks will occupy all lanes of a highway and/or port of entry and drive very slowly. No violence is promoted, although the participants are expected to have heightened emotions. A related protest occurred recently at the [Emerson port of entry](#).

The Northern Ontario Region (NOR) is at greatest risk of this protest occurring at the highway ports of entry of Lansdowne, Prescott, Cornwall and Fort Frances. The routing of the protest convoys are believed to include rallying points at Kingston, Cornwall and Kenora.

Please refer to [this website](#) for the routes purportedly targeted by the protest. The protesters have also created a [Facebook page](#) for this event, which should be monitored regularly for updates that may predict protests at NOR ports of entry.



The final destination is Parliament Hill in Ottawa on January 29<sup>th</sup>, suggesting January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> are the most likely dates for protests at NOR PoEs.

The OPP report that the Windsor to Kingston convoy will occur on Jan27. The convoy will leave Kingston on Jan28, enroute to Ottawa. This makes Jan27 & 28 of highest risk to the Lansdowne and Prescott PoEs.

Smaller support protests could occur between January 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> with little warning.

CBSA Intelligence is engaged with internal and external stakeholders and partners and will continue to monitor the situation and update NOR frontline operations.

Officers discovering relevant information through engagements with truck drivers or the general public are to forward the information to their PoE managers and local Intelligence office.

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## Scott, Matthew

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**From:** Little, Kristen  
**Sent:** September 10, 2021 1:09 PM  
**To:** Morawiec, Garrett  
**Subject:** FW: PPC Protest at Debates - Update  
**Attachments:** ;  
Diagolon Tweet 1.PNG; Diagolon Tweet  
2.PNG; Diagolon Tweet 3.PNG

Below is what I was thinking of sending Adrian:

Hey Adrian,

holding the Diagolon flag, however here is some information below that may be helpful.

On the original post advising "Ol' Slashy will be there waving proudly in defiance" there is now a comment posted by username ' with the account name that says "Right there!!!" with a photo of CBC news coverage where the Diagolon flag can be seen. The name is visible in the photo. (See attached screenshots from )

The profile pic for the username shows the Diagolon flag. The original screenshot that advertised the PPC protest outside the debates was forwarded to the

Based on what I can see on the individual channels for each province, some of the people active in the channels get together for meet-ups, bbqs, fishing tournaments etc. These meet-ups appear to be for the purpose of connecting with "likeminded" people. The people sometimes refer to each other as "bigots", the purpose of which may be to mock liberals, feminists, etc. who they feel call anyone who isn't liberal-thinking a racist. There is no information I can see about what is discussed during these meet-ups.

Some of the groups also believe they have been infiltrated by (Canadian Anti-Hate Network) – based on recent news reports when CAHN is discussing and election protests aimed at the PM. There are past comments in a couple of the channels showing the PM's location, but nothing more than what we've seen on Facebook and other more mainstream social media.

Individuals on the public channels appear supportive of PPC and there are PPC campaign events advertised.

Content shared on [redacted] an it's affiliated channels is conspiratorial, anti-government and ethno-nationalist in nature. Currently, anti-vax themes are driving discussions as there is a perception that vaccine mandates are another form of government control resulting from COVID-19. [redacted] operators and followers often describe the content as edgy humour and satirical, likely an effort to protect themselves against controversial rhetoric that could be viewed as alarming.

I've also attached a few Tweets related to Diagon, once of which references last night. I believe #FYMM stands for "Fuck You Make Me" (in response to perceived abuse of authority to make people conform):

[https://twitter.com/\[redacted\]/status/1436310334256656397](https://twitter.com/[redacted]/status/1436310334256656397)  
[https://twitter.com/\[redacted\]/status/1435878217424850947](https://twitter.com/[redacted]/status/1435878217424850947)

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**From:** Bilettoff, Adrian <Adrian.Bilettoff@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 10, 2021 7:31 AM  
**To:** Little, Kristen <kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: PPC Protest at Debates - [redacted] Update



Good Morning Kristen,

Do you have anything more on the "Diagon" or "Diagonal" matter? See above SOC from yesterday's debate night.

Kindly,

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**Adrian Bilettoff**  
Cell: 343-551-9003  
CIG Workstation Phone: 613-991-9866

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**From:** Little, Kristen <kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 8, 2021 9:55 AM  
**To:** 2021 Intel Federal Election/2021 Renseignement Élection Fédérale <2021IntelFederalElection-2021RenseignementElectionFederale@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** NAT DIO INTEL / NAT DDR RENS (RCMP/GRC) <RCMP.NatDIOintel-NatDDRrens.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Morawiec, Garrett <Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Chen, Ashley <Ashley.Chen@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Bilettoff, Adrian <Adrian.Bilettoff@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** PPC Protest at Debates - [redacted] Update



Good morning,

FYI - Regarding the leader debates tonight and tomorrow

In addition to the #LetPPCSpeak protest planned for this evening (see attached email from Aug 31), a protest for the Sept 9<sup>th</sup> debate is also circulating.

- The Sept 9<sup>th</sup> protest is posted on the ( (attached). There is no indication of numbers based on this post and some of the individuals in the group have complained about the promotion of this event because they don't want to be aligned politically with any one political party.
- A further post with a screenshot is taken from a channel that is conspiratorial in nature and shares grievances that are anti-government and fall to the right of the traditional political spectrum. You will see a comment that says, "Ol' Slashy will be there waving proudly in defiance". this may be a reference to a black flag with a white slash through it which symbolizes "Diagonal". Ashley Chen has done some preliminary research into the concept of "Diagonal" and advised that according to open source info it appears to be based on a hypothetical separation of a select number of U.S. states and Canadian provinces which identify as "freedom-loving" into its own country. I've seen it used in the past as "#Diagonal" on Twitter in discussions about Canadian provinces becoming independent.
- Within the screenshot from Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, there is highlighted portion with comments that BERNIER may show up and asking if anyone has a boat.

Note that these are taken from public channels.

Thank you,

Kristen Little  
Intelligence Analyst  
Ideologically Motivated Criminal Intelligence Team

## Scott, Matthew

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**From:** Little, Kristen  
**Sent:** September 10, 2021 10:27 AM  
**To:** Morawiec, Garrett  
**Subject:** Gatineau Open Source - RE: 0900 Election Briefing

Gatineau Incident as of this writing:

- Nothing on news media
- Nothing on Gatineau Police social media or website media releases
- I
- No chatter on mainstream social media platforms
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I have no other comments related to the info in the election briefing email.

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**From:** Morawiec, Garrett <Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 10, 2021 9:31 AM  
**To:** Little, Kristen <kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: 0900 Election Briefing

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**From:** Laplante, Stephanie <Stephanie.Laplante@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** September-10-21 9:30 AM  
**To:** Canavan, Christianne <Christianne.Canavan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Stewart, Tim <tim.stewart@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Ducharme, Lisa <Lisa.Ducharme@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Morawiec, Garrett <Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** 0900 Election Briefing

Good morning,

Please find below what the CIG provided at the 0900 Election briefing.

- **Liberal Party Press.** Party press identifies the following itinerary for today (publically posted):
  - **For today- Hamilton, Ontario - 10:30 a.m.** Twitter chatter already began. For example, a Twitter entity posted 42 min ago that  
Event of note in Hamilton today- Subject of interest for intelligence (SOI) and  
have been advertising a demo for today 2021-09-10: An event will take place at Gore  
Park in Hamilton at 13:00 hrs. The number of expected  
participants is unknown at this time. Source Link: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CTfxrwwl4YY/>  
Since the PM is in Hamilton this morning and the rally is schedule at 1300 they should not intersect.

### Adverse files

- **PROS 20211350889:** On 2021/09/09, POCC received information from E Div Close Protection & Intelligence Unit of an email received by | containing direct threats to her and PM TRUDEAU. The SUBJECT wrote "*FUCKING DEAD AS DIRT, YOU AND TRUDO FUCKING DEAD I AM AQUIRING A GUN I WILL BE AT ONE OF YOUR PUBLIC EVENTS AND I WILL PUT A BULLET IN YOUR BRAIN AS WELL AS TRUDOS! FUCKING, CUNTY HORNRNY*" and "*I AM PERSONALLY GOING TO PUT A LEAD SLUG IN YOUR HEAD*". The SUBJECT was identified and POJ is actively

investigating. PIU tasked. The SUBJECT is

- **PROS 20211350853:** On 2021/09/09, POCC received information of an indirect threatening message left on the PM's website. The SUBJECT wrote "YOU WILL DIE THIS MONTH". The SUBJECT identity
- **PROS 20211353163:** On 2021/09/09, Sergeant-at-Arms Open Source team located a non-direct threat towards LPL TRUDEAU, posted to
- **English Debate.**
  - **Demo.** Over 100 PPC supporters, setup with portable tents/kiosks. Group was substantially larger than the French debate night. Signs mentioned "Let Max Speak!". No issues reported, group dissipated during the course of the debate.
  - On 2021/09/08, PIU disseminated an Officer Awareness Bulletin for  
There is  
uncorroborated information that was operating his drone within the Debates area yesterday (2021/09/09).
  - **Flag SOC.** On 2021/09/08, CIG advised of a containing a comment "[...] *Slashy lashy will be there waving proudly in defiance.*" Although this was not confirmed, the comment appeared to be referencing a black flag with a white slash through it which symbolizes "Diagolon". According to open source information, it appears to be a symbolic reference to a hypothetical separation of a select number of U.S. states and Canadian provinces which identify as "freedom-loving" into its own country. Twitter posts with "#Diagolon" appear to show a negative sentiment towards Canadian politics as well as discuss Canadian provinces becoming independent.
    - The "Diagolon" is a fictional country of the Plaid Army wants to establish across North America. As mentioned in the advisory, several SOII are associated to the Plaid Army group.
    - ERT mentioned that the individuals holding these flags are
  - **Damaged Truck.** CIG received information that the ERT and Tactical Emergency trucks were hit with what appeared to be lumps of dirt, rocks and water balloon as they passed crowd on the way to the museum.- We are inquiring further to try and identify the subjects who threw the projectiles.
  - showed up at a checkpoint outside the perimeter of the leaders' debate in Gatineau, QC. He did not cooperate and attempted to run over a police officer with his vehicle. Before the debate began, rammed his vehicle into a portable gate under Alexandra Bridge, near the debate site at Museum. He was arrested and detained for several charges. The subject was in possession of :
  - **Media.** CIG welcomes any photos, license plates or identifications of SUBJECTS seen at the English Debate yesterday.
- **Belleville, ON.** BOLO BY HALTON, ON FOR MALE THIS MESSAGE IS BEING SENT TO ALERT YOU OF A SHOOTING SUSPECT, WHERE HE SHOT A MALE IN THE CHEST TWICE AND FLED THE AREA. IS BELIEVED TO STILL BE IN POSSESSION OF THE HANDGUN AND IS ACTIVELY EVADING POLICE. IT IS ALSO BELIEVED THAT FAMILY MEMBERS ARE ASSISTING IN HIS ESCAPE FROM POLICE AND MAY BE IN A:
  - About 100 km away from Whitby, ON.

Have a great Friday,

**Stéphanie Laplante**

613-410-6362

## Scott, Matthew

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**From:** Little, Kristen  
**Sent:** July 14, 2021 8:55 AM  
**To:** Chen, Ashley  
**Subject:** RE: Diagonlon

Thank you 😊

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**From:** Chen, Ashley <Ashley.Chen@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** July 14, 2021 8:54 AM  
**To:** Little, Kristen <kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Diagonlon

Super helpful as always, thank you! 😊

Hope Day 2 of your course goes well!

Ash

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**From:** Little, Kristen <kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** July 14, 2021 8:50 AM  
**To:** Chen, Ashley <Ashley.Chen@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Diagonlon

Hey Ash! ☹

The channels are REMVE + Conspiracy theorist in nature but not accelerationist and you're right no incitement of violence. Some of the usernames have racist references/photos in them but no criminality. Based on the content on the channels it looks like the main grievance is the perception of a "plandemic" and gov't control. There is likely some overlap with individuals/groups already on other social media platforms.

Hope this helps and you have a great day!

Kristen

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**From:** Chen, Ashley <Ashley.Chen@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** July 13, 2021 12:01 PM  
**To:** Little, Kristen <kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Diagonlon

Hey KL,

Passing along some info and would love your insight (when you're done your course!!).

## Scott, Matthew

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**From:** Piamonte, Kandi  
**Sent:** March 11, 2022 8:37 PM  
**To:** Morawiec, Garrett  
**Cc:** Little, Kristen; Chen, Ashley  
**Subject:** RE: Diagon Paper

Great.

Will wait to hear back.

Thanks and have a great vacation!!!

Kandi

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**From:** Morawiec, Garrett <Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 11, 2022 7:26 PM  
**To:** Piamonte, Kandi <kandi.piamonte@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Little, Kristen <kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Chen, Ashley <Ashley.Chen@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Diagon Paper

Thanks Kandi!

Talking with Lisa, looks like we will get this over to Eliane first for comments (as the client).

So just wait to get it back from Eliane at this point, make any of the changes and then send it to Lisa. Don't worry about sending to Kristen and Ash.

This is really incredible and fulsome, thanks for being patience on the review process.

Garrett

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**From:** Piamonte, Kandi <kandi.piamonte@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 11, 2022 4:15 PM  
**To:** Morawiec, Garrett <Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Diagon Paper

Latest version.

I will check back here until I see your response.

Cheers,

Kandi