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SITE TF SITREP: 25 August 2021

2021 Federal Election – Threat Trend: STABLE



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Threat Updates

CSIS

- (S//CEO) [Redacted]
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GAC/RRM

- (U//OUO) RRM Canada did not observe any significant indicators of foreign state-sponsored information manipulation in its monitoring of the broader Canadian digital information ecosystem during the period of August 24.
- (U//OUO) RRM Canada assesses the majority of content originated from recognizable Canadian news sites.
- (U//OUO) *The China Daily* – a newspaper owned by the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee’s publicity department – produced a 6-minute video about the history of residential schools for Indigenous Peoples in the U.S. and Canada and shared it on their respective YouTube (46K followers), Instagram (1.3M followers) and Facebook (104M followers) accounts. The video did not touch on GE44 and has not received high levels of engagement on social media.

Operational Responses and Updates

- (U//OUO) On 20 Aug 2021, the Office of Protocol at Global Affairs Canada, sent a letter to the heads of missions, chanceries, international organizations and special representative offices reminding them that: “consistent with Article 41 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and Article 55 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, they have the duty to respect the laws and regulations of the receiving state and not to interfere in the internal affairs of the receiving state.” This letter was sent in accordance with standard practices for the Office of Protocol at the outset of Canadian Federal Elections. Full text of the letter is available on request.

