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# SITE TF SITREP: 26 August 2021

## 2021 Federal Election – Threat Trend: **STABLE**



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### Threat Updates

#### CSE

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#### GAC/RRM

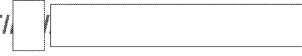
- (U//OUO) RRM Canada did not observe any significant indicators of foreign state-sponsored information manipulation in its monitoring of the broader Canadian digital information ecosystem during the period of August 25.
- (U//OUO) RRM Canada assesses the majority of content originated from recognizable Canadian news sites.
- (U//OUO) Chinese Communist Party-backed media outlets reported on the LPC leader's announcement that Canadian troops may stay in Afghanistan past August 31<sup>st</sup>, but offered no commentary on the decision. The outlets did not comment on the election in their reports.





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- (U//OUO) High-profile figures in U.S. alternative media, who have been key influencers in spreading election/political related disinformation in the US, commented on LPC candidate Maryam Monsef's use of the word "brothers" in her appeal to the Taliban for safe passage to those who wish to leave Afghanistan. However, they did not link their comments to GE44, nor called on Canadians to vote for a specific candidate or party.

## Operational Responses and Updates

- (U) No significant updates at this time.
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