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## 2019 Federal Election – Threat Trend: STABLE



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### Threat Updates

- Within the last 24hrs, the RCMP received a report from a Twitter user about Facebook posts by a user making threats to the Prime Minister. The appropriate sections in the RCMP have been notified and tasked for further follow-up into this matter.
-  the PRC  Russia. 
- RRM Canada identified no indicators of significant foreign activity over the last 48-hour period, assessing the vast majority of content to be of domestic origin.
- RRM Canada identified two Sputnik articles about the upcoming election. The first is a French-language interview with the BQ candidate, who is running against the PM in the Papineau district of Montréal. So far, this article has a *low level* of engagement with only 407 interactions (likes/shares/comments). The second is titled « Campagne fédérale au Canada: IVG et mariage gay, les libéraux ressortent les vieux dossiers » and analyses the Liberal Party’s campaign strategy. So far, this article also has a *low level* of engagement with only 20 interactions. Neither show evidence of artificial amplification but both constitute an overt attempt at engaging in Canada’s political discourse around the election.

### Operational Responses and Updates

- RRM Canada is aware of yesterday’s story from the Jerusalem Post claiming Canada agreed to accept 100,000 Palestinian refugees and IRCC’s response to the false claim. RRM Canada is exploring the incident to determine if there are any indications of foreign interference, including analyzing the original Arabic article.

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