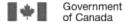
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## SITE TF SITREP: 17 September 2021



2021 Federal Election - Threat Trend: STABLE

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## **Threat Updates**

## 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 September 16. However, Chinese State media continues to take interest in
  GE44 and the Conservative Party of Canada's proposed China policies.
- (U//OUO) A headline in the Chinese press that the Conservative Party "almost wants to break
  diplomatic relations with China" appears to have finally ended circulation. Articles with the headline
  in question appeared continuously between September 8 and 15, and received considerable user
  attention. As of September 16, RRM Canada could not locate any new publishers sharing the
  headline.
- (U//OUO) In a Vancouver Sun article, Conservative Party of Canada candidate Kenny Chiu says
  the false messages and personal attacks his campaign has received were "beyond [his]
  expectation." The article did not generate any comment from Chinese media or Chinese officials.
- (U//OUO) The Global Times reacted to a Toronto Sun story that claims Canada had been
  intentionally excluded from a new partnership between the U.K., the U.S., and Australia, and also
  reacted to CPC leader Erin O'Toole's response to being left out of the partnership. The GT author
  suggests O'Toole "just wants Canada to spend more on the military" and quotes a Twitter user
  "Why do you want to go to war with China? Did we not lose enough lives in Afghanistan?" The
  article was not published in English, and did not receive any attention on U.S. social media
  platforms.

## **Operational Responses and Updates**

(U) No significant updates at this time.

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