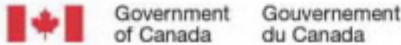


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# SITE TF SITREP: 8 June 2023

## 2023 Federal By-Elections

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### Threat Updates

#### GAC

- **(U)** RRM Canada did not observe any significant indicators of foreign state-sponsored information manipulation in its monitoring of the broader Canadian digital information ecosystem from June 05 to 06.
- **(U)** RRM Canada assesses the vast majority of content originated from recognizable Canadian news sites, and found no instances of foreign state-sponsored news outlets commenting on the by-election.
- **(U)** Canadian news coverage of the by-election dried up over the past day:
  - RRM Canada surfaced only 2 to 3 articles about by-election candidates during the reporting period. Most of these articles received low levels of engagement – between 1 to 500 unique user interactions<sup>1</sup>, including “likes”, “comments”, and “shares.”
  - RRM Canada found no indication that a foreign entity attempted to artificially increase or decrease user engagement on topics related to the June 19 by-election or foreign interference.
- **(U)** RRM Canada found no web articles or social media chatter about the June 19 by-election on China-based social media platforms.

### Operational Responses and Updates

- **(U)** No significant updates at this time.

<sup>1</sup> In past election cycles, RRM Canada reporting noted 10 to 20K user interactions as “high levels of engagement.” However, at this time, RRM Canada has not observed this level of user interest in the June 19 by-election.

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