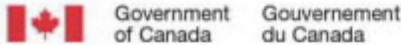


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Threat Updates

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- **(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 July 19 to July 26.
- **(U)** RRM Canada assesses the majority of content originated from recognizable Canadian news sites and found no instances of foreign state-sponsored news outlets commenting on the Calgary Heritage by-election.
- **(U)** Following voting day results on July 24, RRM Canada observed an uptick in news coverage of the by-election in English and French:
 - English-language news outlets – such as CBC News, Postmedia news sites, and Global News – provided wide coverage of the results, and received the bulk of user engagement during the reporting period.
 - Overall, there was very little French-language news coverage of the by-election. RRM Canada surfaced only five news articles about the by-election voting results, none of which received high levels of user engagement.
 - RRM Canada did not observe any Chinese-language news coverage of the by-election on WeChat, Weibo, or Douyin over the course of June and July.
 - RRM Canada did not observe any malign attempts to artificially decrease or increase user engagement with any of the above news coverage.

Operational Responses and Updates

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

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