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SITE TF SITREP: 19 August 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 August 18.
- (U//OUO) RRM Canada assesses the majority of content originated from recognizable Canadian news sites.
- (U//OUO) RRM Canada identified an article from the Chinese Communist Party outlet, *The Global Times* that called on users to “Co-sign our petition! Request Canada to release [Meng Wanzhou]!” The *Global Times* likely timed the release of the petition with Meng’s 1000th day of detention in Canada and the conclusion of legal arguments in her extradition hearing this week rather than the federal election. The petition has received high levels of engagement on the Chinese platform WeChat but little engagement yet on Twitter, Facebook or Reddit. The *Globe and Mail* has also covered news of the petition. RRM Canada will continue to monitor for any signs of manipulation in the context of GE44.

Operational Responses and Updates

- (U) No significant updates at this time.

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