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Subject: RE: For 3 pm today (June 7) - SITE updates
Attachments: SITE Background and Updates.docx

Thanks! Fixed it up in the attached.

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Sent: June 7, 2023 3:09 PM
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Good afternoon,

Please see the response below for this tasking, ED approved.

Thank you,

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UPDATES:

- The SITE TF was stood up for the four Federal by-elections in Manitoba (2), Ontario, and Quebec. While SITE focuses on FI, it is also looking at physical threats to the security of the election. SITE TF members—CSE, CSIS (chair), GAC, and the RCMP—are meeting weekly and producing daily SITE TF SITREPs.
- Federal Policing Intelligence—namely the Ideologically Motivated Criminal Intelligence Team (IMCIT) and Strategic Intelligence Analysis—contributes to the daily SITREPs by sending relevant updates to the Chair of SITE TF.
 - o To date, there has not been anything significant to report from an RCMP perspective.
 - o IMCIT has noted a difference across the ideologically motivated threat landscape between the 2021 General Election and the current by-elections. Namely, in 2021, physical threats around the Election emerged primarily from opposition to public health measures (eg. mask mandates and lockdowns). With the removal of these health measures, anti-authority grievances may have the greatest potential to lead to violence. However, IMCIT has not observed any noticeable increase in threatening rhetoric online.
- On Monday, May 29, Federal Policing Strategic Intelligence joined SITE TF members to provide an UNCLASSIFIED briefing to political parties. This briefing was coordinated by the Privy Council Office's Foreign Interference Task Force.

If additional material is needed on the RCMP's role in SITE, here's some material pulled from the attached:

PROC : FPSP Q&A Package (dated 2023-02-07) – DIR_FPSP-NS FEB updates

Security and Intelligence Threats to Elections Task Force (SITE TF)

Q. What is the RCMP role in the Security and Intelligence Threats to Elections Task Force (SITE TF)?

- The RCMP works closely in partnership with intelligence, law enforcement and regulatory agencies in this space.
- The RCMP's main operational focus with SITE is to provide criminal intelligence collection, analysis, and assessments to support the SITE mandate of reporting on covert, clandestine, or criminal activities interfering with, or influencing, electoral processes in Canada.
- The RCMP also participates in SITE-related briefings to Government of Canada senior management, the Panel of Five, and to the campaign leaders of the various political parties, as required.
- The RCMP also supports the Commissioner of Canada Elections (CCE) with technical support and joint investigations, upon their request, should they deem there has been an illegal act committed with respect to a federal election.

General Election Security

Q. How else does the RCMP contribute to election security?

The RCMP also contributes to election security in several ways, which includes:

- The provision of protective services for those designated as "protected persons" as per the RCMP Act, which includes, among others, the Prime Minister, Ministers of the Crown, and the leaders of other applicable political parties.
- The RCMP also consults and works with applicable Police of Jurisdiction on issues such as election campaign event security at venues such as rallies and leadership debate forums, and national critical infrastructure security, which would include Elections Canada voting facilities, equipment and personnel.
- Finally, the RCMP responds to criminal incidents and conducts investigations within its mandate and jurisdiction as necessary, such as public order events which may impact election security, where public safety and officer safety may be at risk.

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Importance: High

Good morning,

DCFP and Associate DM have been asked to attend a DM level meeting chaired by the NSIA tomorrow – subject SITE updates. We have no agenda or other information.

Can your team please prepare key messages and some background information for their participation at this meeting?

We need by 3 pm today as they will be going downtown for other meetings tomorrow morning, and we need to have the material ready to go.

Thanks!

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