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Potential Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference following PM Statement on Killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar

Key Findings

- Modi-aligned outlets amplified several narratives that targeted PM Trudeau, Canada's High Commissioner to India, Canada's national security agencies, Canada's Punjabi Sikh diaspora, and Hardeep Singh Nijjar's political beliefs.
- The tenor of the narratives was often heated, with commentators employed by Modi-aligned outlets posting that PM Trudeau and Canadian institutions were "enablers of terrorism," "falling into the laps of Khalistani extremists," or "treacherous against Bharat (India)."
- While detecting some incitement to violence, RRM Canada did not observe any Modi-aligned influencers repeating these messages, and believes these narratives are isolated for now.
- While RRM Canada observed high levels of similarity in the tone and type of narratives that circulated among Modi-aligned media, it is impossible to assert that the outlets worked in conjunction to amplify their reach or that they used inauthentic means to do so.
- Some Modi-aligned outlets have fourteen times the following of Canadian outlets like *CBC* and *CTV News* – it is very likely that both Canadian and global audiences were exposed to Modi-aligned narratives, themes, and stories on social media platforms.
- State-controlled outlets in the People's Republic of China (PRC) provided robust coverage of the event and were opportunistic in replicating narratives from a range of Indian sources that put Canada in a negative light, stressing Canada's isolation from its partners in the G7. In comparison, Russia's approach was light.
- RRM Canada found no indication that China or Russia's respective media apparatuses sought to artificially amplify the reach of Modi-aligned outlets and influencers on US-based social media platforms.

Purpose

This ad hoc report presents RRM Canada assessment of information manipulation and interference (FIMI) from the Republic of India, China, and Russia in relation to the Prime Minister's statement on the killing of a Canadian national, Hardeep Singh Nijjar. It is designed to provide a preliminary snapshot and establish a baseline for future reporting.

Methodology

This report leverages a combination of in-house and off-the-shelf tools aimed at assessing potential FIMI from India, Russia, and China. Activity tracked in this report reflect an August 18 to 20, 2023 monitoring

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period. All RRM Canada reporting is based on publicly available data and is subject to an ethical and methodological framework.¹

First, the report examined websites and US-based social media platforms to surface relevant English-language content to assess potential FIMI related to India, honing in on a set of 100 accounts across Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube that are frequently described as “Godi” media (i.e., media outlets or personalities that are perceived as mouthpieces for the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and current Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi).² For a full list of the accounts monitored for this report, please see [Annex A](#). Second, RRM Canada analyzed the content of a network of approximately 20 websites linked to Russian intelligence services or that have otherwise been identified as generally promoting Russian narratives. Third, to surface relevant content related to potential Chinese FIMI, RRM Canada reviewed content on mainstream and China-based platforms in English, French and Mandarin.

Background

On June 18, 2023, Canadian citizen Hardeep Singh Nijjar was shot and killed by two masked individuals outside the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara, located in Surrey, British Columbia. Canada’s Punjabi Sikh diaspora community expressed shock at the incident and “deep concern about their safety.”³ Over the summer, Sikh communities in Vancouver, Toronto, and Ottawa demonstrated against the Indian government, alleging the state had played a role in Nijjar’s death.⁴ Communities in London, San Francisco, and Melbourne held solidarity protests and vigils.

On September 18, PM Justin Trudeau informed Parliament of “credible allegations” of a “potential link” between agents of India’s government and Nijjar’s murder.⁵ The Indian government rejected these allegations as “absurd” and “motivated,” and alleged Canada was a supporter of Khalistani “terrorists.”⁶ The PM clarified that he was not trying to “provoke or escalate” the incident, and that Canada sought cooperation with India.⁷ However, the incident has quickly evolved into a diplomatic crisis between Canada and India that will likely carry considerable implications for Canadian foreign policy.

¹ “Ethical and methodological framework for Open-source data monitoring and analysis.” *Global Affairs Canada*. June 2019. <https://www.international.gc.ca/transparency-transparence/rapid-response-mechanism-mecanisme-reponse-rapide/ethical-ethique.aspx?lang=eng>

² Salam, Ziya Us. “Media sellout: List of TV news anchors toeing the government’s line grows.” *The Hindu*. May 02, 2022. <https://frontline.thehindu.com/cover-story/media-sellout-list-of-tv-news-anchors-toeing-the-governments-line-grows/article38483279.ece>

³ Garton, Rich. “Our safety in Canada is at stake: Windsor Sikh community calls for more action from feds in killing of B.C. Sikh leader.” *CTV News*. Sept. 19, 2023. https://beta.ctvnews.ca/local/windsor/2023/9/19/1_6567943.amp.html

⁴ Freeze, Colin. “Heated demonstration at Indian consulate in Toronto sees one arrested.” *Globe and Mail*. July 9, 2023. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-sikh-protests-toronto-vancouver/>

⁵ “PM Trudeau & opposition leaders on alleged Indian government link to killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar.” *CPAC*. Sept. 18, 2023. <https://youtu.be/HHEXaPfc64?feature=shared>

⁶ “India rejects allegations by Canada.” *Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India*. Sept. 19, 2023. <https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dti/37125/india+rejects+allegations+by+Canada>

⁷ Baxter, David. “Canada not seeking to ‘provoke or escalate’ with India on Nijjar: Trudeau.” *Global News*. Sept. 19, 2023. <https://globalnews.ca/news/9970813/justin-trudeau-hardeep-singh-nijjar-india/amp/>

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Report

Modi-Aligned Outlets and their Massive Reach

RRM Canada tracks several news and influencer accounts that identify as having close ties to the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. According to a 2023 report from Reporters Without Borders, Modi has “engineered a spectacular rapprochement between the BJP and the big families dominating [India’s] media scene.”⁸ Media moguls -- such as Mukesh Ambani the owner of the popular news outlet *CNN-News18* -- share personal ties with Modi and have benefited financially since the BJP’s rise to power in 2014.⁹

As noted by *TIME* magazine contributor Debasish Roy Chowdury, “access to power and business favors add to the inducements to stay on message;” in return, Modi-aligned outlets provide glowing praise for the BJP and attack dissenting voices, including members of the political opposition, the free press, and members of the public critical of the ruling party.¹⁰ Some critics claim that “most Indian media houses have become defenders” of the BJP and stick closely to Modi’s “populist agenda.” All that remain are a “few digital outlets that are independent,” said India-based journalist Mukul Kesavan to NPR.¹¹

These Modi-aligned outlets are very popular with domestic Indian audiences, and diaspora communities abroad.¹² For example, some outlets have more than 10 million YouTube subscribers, including *AajTak/India Today* (80 million), *Zee News/WION* (68 million), *News 18* (50.8 million), *Republic* (31.7 million), and *Times Now* (10.9 million). Other notable Modi-aligned outlets include *ANI* (3.6 million), and *the Frustrated Indian/TFI Global* (1.9 million security). In comparison, Canada’s media outlets have a relatively small presence, with few media entities breaking even a million subscribers, including *Global News* (3.76 million), *CBC News* (3.35 million), *CTV News* (1.03 million), *Radio-Canada Info* (635K), and *CP24* (130K). Canada’s low subscriber numbers in comparison suggest Modi-aligned media create a distinct advantage in amplifying negative narratives about Canada and its position on the killing of Nijjar.

Key Narratives and Long-standing Tropes

Following PM’s statement that Canada’s agencies were “pursuing credible allegations” of a “potential link” between agents of the Indian government and the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, Modi-aligned outlets amplified several narratives that targeted PM Trudeau, Canada’s High Commissioner to India, Canada’s national security agencies, Canada’s Punjabi Sikh diaspora, and Hardeep Singh Nijjar’s political beliefs. The tenor of the narratives was often heated, with commentators employed by Modi-aligned outlets posting that PM Trudeau and Canadian institutions were “enablers of terrorism,” “falling into the laps of Khalistani extremists,” or “treacherous against Bharat (India).”

⁸ Chowdury, Debasish Roy. “It Isn’t Just Modi. India’s Compliant Media Must Also Take Responsibility for the COVID-19 Crisis.” *TIME Magazine*. May 3, 2021. <https://time.com/6033152/india-media-covid-19/>

⁹ Findlay, Stephanie. “Modi’s Rockefeller: Gautam Adani and the concentration of power in India.” *Financial Times*. Nov. 12, 2020. <https://www.ft.com/content/474706d6-1243-4f1e-b365-891d4c5d528b>

¹⁰ Sen, Somdeep. “Big money is choking India’s free press — and its democracy.” *Al-Jazeera*. Jan. 6, 2023. <https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2023/1/6/big-money-is-choking-indias-free-press>

¹¹ Yadav, Shalu. “With raids, arrests and hostile takeovers, India press freedom continues to decline.” *NPR*. Apr. 3, 2023. <https://www.npr.org/2023/04/03/1167041720/india-press-freedom-journalists-modi-bbc-documentary>

¹² Mashal, Mujib. “Why Is Narendra Modi So Popular? Tune In to Find Out.” *New York Times*. Jun. 21, 2023. <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/06/21/world/asia/india-modi-radio-mann-ki-baat.html>

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RRM Canada was not able to determine how many users in Canada consumed narratives from Modi-aligned media. However, due to the massive digital footprint of many Modi-aligned outlets on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube – outlets like *AajTak* and *Zee News* have fourteen times the following of Canadian outlets like *CBC* and *CTV News* – it is very likely that both Canadian and global audiences who follow international news events were exposed to Modi-aligned narratives, themes, and stories on social media platforms.

RRM Canada noted the following narratives in its data sample:

- *Threats and accusations directed at Canadian diplomats:* Some outlets looked to portray specific members of Canada's diplomatic mission to India in an unsavory light.
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 - Other posts sought to portray Canadian diplomats as haughty, or uncooperative with India's Ministry of External Affairs. In a popular post from *ANI*, High Commissioner Cameron MacKay leaves the Ministry of External Affairs building without taking questions from a reporter on the scene.¹⁴ Some commentators claim MacKay may have injured the journalist as he closed the embassy vehicle car door.¹⁵ The video received high levels of engagement (16.3K likes, shares, etc.) and viewed over 2.1M times.
 - RRM Canada also documented some anonymous threats to High Commission staff. As Modi-aligned influencers shared news on Twitter that the Canadian High Commission called on India to ensure the safety of diplomats in the country, several unidentified users suggested that violence was warranted¹⁶ and that the High Commission should be removed.¹⁷ At this preliminary stage, RRM Canada has not observed any prominent Modi-aligned influencers repeating these calls for violence, and believe these narratives are isolated to low-followed anonymous accounts (engagement with this content ranged from 0 to 5 unique interactions). However, RRM Canada analysts will continue to observe the information space for new developments on this topic.
- *Canada safeguards terrorist and extremist forces:* Several Modi-aligned influencers claimed Canada has historically sheltered terrorist elements of the Khalistan movement. In one high-engagement post (29.5K engagements, 419K user views), frequent *Times Now* and *CNN-News18* commentator Anand Ranganthan claims former PM Pierre Trudeau allowed the 1985 Air India bombing suspected to "walk free," and that "the apple never falls far from the tree," suggesting PM Justin Trudeau has familial reasons for safeguarding Khalistan supporters.
- *Canada should use violent means to reduce Khalistani influence:* Some commentators made direct pleas to Canadian parliamentarians to eliminate alleged threats to the Indian state. Atul Mishra,

¹⁴ *ANI*. X (Twitter). Sept. 19, 2023. <https://twitter.com/ANI/status/1703997495318352108>

¹⁵ Philip, Sneesh Alex. X (Twitter). Sept. 19, 2023. <https://twitter.com/sneeshphilip/status/1704002993627308300>

¹⁶ X (Twitter). Sept. 21, 2023. <https://twitter.com/jackdonger7/status/1704772380072058903>

¹⁷ X (Twitter). Sept. 21, 2023. <https://twitter.com/SunnLoBhai/status/1704295412423881110>

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- founder of the fringe “The Frustrated Indian” media outlet, tagged Opposition leader Pierre Poilievre on Twitter, requesting that he “neutralise the Khalistanis immediately after becoming the Prime Minister because if you don’t, you won’t have a country. All the best in advance”¹⁸ (receiving 95 engagements). Indian media watchdog *NewsLaundry* notes that Mishra often spins “well-publicised anti-minority rhetoric” and “stoke fear among the majority community.”¹⁹
- ***Hardeep Singh Nijjar is an unsavory individual:*** Numerous outlets present Nijjar as a “Khalistani terrorist” among “India’s most wanted.”²⁰ These outlets, such as the popular *India Today* (25.9 million followers across Facebook, X, and YouTube) allege Nijjar was involved with militant or extremist outfits, such as the Khalistani Tiger Force and the Babbar Khalsa. These narratives seek to portray Nijjar as an individual who led a double-life and discredit his role as a community leader in Surrey, BC. Others raised doubts about Nijjar’s Canadian citizenship, or claimed that by giving him citizenship rights, Canada has “pandered to terrorists and insulted the global Sikh community.”²¹
 - ***PM Trudeau is an elitist with ties to prominent Jewish philanthropists:*** In one popular tweet (13.1K followers, 328.4K views), *News18* anchor Amish Devgan shared a picture of PM Trudeau speaking with businessman and philanthropist George Soros. Devgan writes that “the photo says it all”, implying Trudeau’s loyalty is in question, or is being manipulated by wealthy elites.²² Mr. Soros’ is often the target of fringe conspiracy theories that act as “well-worn anti-Semitic canards,” writes Talia Lavin for the *Washington Post*. “The idea [is] that Jews are malevolent fomenters of social dissent, agitators’ slyly funding and masterminding protest.”²³ Devgan’s tweet was seen over 508K times.
 - ***Pakistan government elements are manipulating Canada to target India:*** Some outlets claimed “all leaders of the Khalistani movement and the New Democratic Party (NDP) are receiving funds from Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence” – the country’s national security agency. In a television news clip on *CNN-News18*, anchors Anusha Soni and Anand Narasimhan claim the ISI works with parties in Canada to set up exploitative immigration schemes as “subterfuge” to extract funds from Indian international students.²⁴ Soni and Narasimhan claim these schemes have led to a “Pakistan-Canada terror nexus” (27 engagements, 2.4K views).
 - ***PM Trudeau is inventing the incident to score political points:*** Several posts in our sample set claim PM Trudeau is fabricating the story to satisfy constituents who support the Khalistan movement. These commentators claim the incident is a “brazen local political gimmick” at the cost of “assaulting another nation’s sovereignty.”²⁵
 - ***Targeting of NDP leader Jagmeet Singh:*** As seen in the above post, many posts in our dataset claim Singh is “pro-Khalistani” and is culpable of terrorism himself. These narratives present Singh as the reason for PM Trudeau’s ruination, as the NDP and the minority government Liberal Party of Canada currently hold a confidence-and-supply agreement. An example of this is a *Hindustan Times* post

¹⁸ Mishra, Atul. X (Twitter). Sep. 20, 2023. <https://twitter.com/TheAtulMishra/status/1704563999151636806>

¹⁹ Malhotra, Kshitij. “Telling the Right story: The fight between Right-wing media and MSM.” *NewsLaundry*. Apr. 04, 2017. <https://www.newslaundry.com/2017/04/04/telling-the-right-story-the-fight-between-right-wing-media-and-msm>

²⁰ Ojha, Arvind. “Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, wanted in India, shot dead in Canada’s Surrey.” *India Today*. Jun. 19, 2023. <https://www.indiatoday.in/world/story/khalistani-terrorist-hardeep-singh-nijjar-shot-dead-in-uk-2394761-2023-06-19>

²¹ Aroor, Shiv. X (Twitter). Sep. 19, 2023. <https://twitter.com/ShivAroor/status/1704107363123491294>

²² Devgan, Amish. X (Twitter). Sep. 19, 2023. <https://twitter.com/AMISHDEVGAN/status/1703982481064804427>

²³ Lavin, Talia. “Conspiracy theories about Soros aren’t just false. They’re anti-Semitic.” *Washington Post*. Oct. 24, 2018.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2018/10/24/conspiracy-theories-about-soros-arent-just-false-theyre-anti-semitic/>

²⁴ *CNN-News18*. X (Twitter). Sep. 20, 2023. <https://twitter.com/CNNnews18/status/1704406012478841051>

²⁵ Narashimhan, Anand. X (Twitter). Sept. 18, 2023. <https://twitter.com/AnchorAnandN/status/1703958045339091216>

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shared on Sept. 21, 2023, in which the outlet claims Singh is “pulling the PM’s strings on the controversial Khalistan issue” (65 engagements, 4.5K views).²⁶

Outlets Pump Similar Narratives, But Unclear if Coordinated Activity

RRM Canada observed high levels of similarity in the tone and type of narratives that circulated among Modi-aligned media, however, it was not possible for RRM Canada to verify if these outlets worked in conjunction to amplify their reach.

- Modi-aligned commentators on Twitter appear to receive authentic user engagement, such as “likes”, “shares”, and “comments.” RRM Canada detected insufficient indications that inauthentic means – such as bot networks – were employed to boost user engagement.
- *AajTak*, *Zee News*, and *Republic* shared several talk-show style clips on their YouTube channels about the PM Statement and Hardeep Singh Nijjar, receiving between 50K to 1M user views per video. Regrettably, YouTube provides few public tools to verify whether user engagement is authentic or manipulated. RRM Canada, however, has little reason to believe that user views have been amplified. Outlets like *Zee News* and *Republic*, though both Modi-aligned, must compete against each other for viewership, and create news content that attracts genuine users.

Reactions from China and Russia

RRM Canada found no indication that China or Russia’s respective media apparatuses sought to artificially amplify the reach of Modi-aligned outlets and influencers on US-based social media platforms.

Russian state media channels, such as *RIA Novosti*, *TASS*, *Russia Today*, and *Sputnik*, produced few stories on the topic, collectively publishing five articles. Key themes include:

- *India’s denial of the accusations made by PM Trudeau in Parliament*: The articles primarily use quotes from the Indian MEA calling the accusations absurd and a distraction. The articles also cover the diplomatic expulsions from both India and Canada.²⁷
- *Canada’s support for Khalistan terrorism*: Through direct quotes from the MEA, the article echoes “concern for Canada’s support for Khalistani terrorists” which threaten India’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.²⁸
- *PM Trudeau started the diplomatic row because of domestic politics*: RT hosted a panel on the topic with commentators broadly concluded that Canada’s domestic politics was the root cause of the dispute with India. One commentator claimed the Liberal Party of Canada (LPC) sought to “win votes” with Canada’s Sikh diaspora, and the PM wished to retaliate after a bilateral trade agreement fell through.²⁹

In comparison to Russia’s light touch, state-controlled outlets in the People’s Republic of China (PRC) provided robust coverage of the event and were opportunistic in replicating narratives from a range of

²⁶ *Hindustan Times*. X (Twitter). Sept. 21, 2023. <https://twitter.com/httweets/status/1704906279700111397>

²⁷ “India expels diplomat after Canadian assassination claims.” *RT*. Sept. 19, 2023. www.rt.com/india/583180-india-expels-canada-diplomat-over-khalistan/; “India to expel senior Canadian diplomat.” *RIA Novosti*. Sept. 19, 2023. www.ria.ru/20230919/vysylka-1897121141.html

²⁸ “India rejects Canada’s ‘absurd’ allegations.” *RT*. Sept. 19, 2023. www.rt.com/news/583178-canada-indian-diplomat-expelled/; “India denies allegations of involvement in acts of violence in Canada.” *RIA Novosti*. Sept. 19, 2023. www.ria.ru/20230919/indiya-1897116444.html

²⁹ “India-Canada diplomatic row: Trudeau should ‘tone it down,’ talk to Modi, experts say.” *RT*. Sept. 20, 2023. www.rt.com/india/583255-india-canada-khalistan-row/

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Indian sources that put Canada in a negative light, stressing Canada's isolation from its partners in the G7.

- **"Isolated Canada":** Picking up on narratives presented by Modi-aligned Indian outlets like *Republic* and *Times Now*, commentary pieces from the *Global Times* and *Xinhua* claimed the US, UK, and European partners "were not happy to clash with India at a time of widespread sanctions on Russia and increasingly seek to confront China."³⁰
- **Canada's "Furious" High Commissioner:** PRC state media also made frequent use of the ANI clip of High Commissioner MacKay walking away from a reporter's question during a visit to the MEA. PRC State media outlets added dramatic music and dynamic text to the clip. For example, state-backed provincial outlet the *Hubei Daily* shared the clip with its 44 million Douyin followers, claiming MacKay "looked furious" when "faced with questions from the media." The clip received high levels of user engagement, with Douyin users liking, sharing, or commenting on the clip over 68,000 times.³¹

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³⁰ "India and Canada are really at loggerheads. The most critical issues are these two issues." *Xinhua News (Niu Tanqin)*. Sept. 19, 2023. <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/yNplyPiGVb4V7WO1tgTJjg>; "After the explosive accusations, relations between the two countries have reached a "critical moment!" *Global Times*. Sept. 19, 2023. <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/7RZXEmWQWr025mbG3TlyYQ>

³¹ "Canada and India expelled each other's diplomats. The High Commissioner looked angry and slammed the car door in response to media inquiries!" *Hubei Daily*. Sept. 19, 2023. <https://www.douyin.com/video/7280486353693904169>

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Annex A: Sample Accounts

Media Entity	Parent Entity	Facebook follower count	X (Twitter) follower count	YouTube subscriber count
ANI		1,600,000	7,900,000	3,280,000
Smita Prakash (ANI)	ANI Media Private Ltd	5,700	934,600	none
Republic		2,500,000	2,800,000	5,770,000
Gaurav Arya (Republic)	Asianet News	37,000	1,500,000	none
WION		2,300,000	481,300	7,860,000
Zee News	Essel Group	22,000,000	5,600,000	32,200,200
AajTak		35,000,000	21,100,000	58,900,000
India Today		12,000,000	6,200,000	7,710,000
Shiv Aroor (India Today)	Living Media India Ltd	11,000	1,100,000	63,400
CNN News 18		6,600,000	4,700,000	5,080,000
Anand Narasimhan (News 18)		7,400	84,300	none
FirstPost		2,900,000	2,100,000	2,320,000
Shubhangi Sharma (News 18)		none	104,500	none
Palki Sharma (News 18)	Reliance Industries	181,000	593,000	none
The Frustrated Indian		1,400,000	228,900	924,000
TFI Global		141,000	16,400	427,000
TFI Canada		14,000	none	38,300
Ajit Datta (TFI)		none	118,100	none
Atul Mishra (TFI)	TFI Media Private Ltd	none	61,200	none
Times Now	The Times Group	7,200,000	10,200,000	3,410,000

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Annex B: Sample Posts

Account	Headline / Text	Engagement (Likes, Shares, Comments)	Views (Impressions)
ANI	Canadian High Commissioner to India, Cameron MacKay leaves from the MEA headquarters at South Block, New Delhi. [X]	16.3K	21.0M
Gaurav Arya	EXCELLENT NEWS. Canada expels top Indian diplomat, falsely accusing him of killing Khalistani terrorist Nijjar. India will respond and this response will be disproportionate. Whatever space India was required to give due to diplomatic niceties, will soon be gone. [X]	25.2K	11.0M
Anand Ranganathan	In 1985 Khalistanis blew up Air India flight 182 killing 329. Amarjit, widow of the pilot Captain Bhinder claimed Justice wasn't done. She was right. All accused had walked free because Trudeau's father refused to hand over AI-182 bombers. An apple never falls far from the tree. [X]	29.5K	419.7K
Baijayant Jay Panda	In the spirit of friendship with Canada, we in India must consider facilitating an online referendum on the Quebec independence issue (in gratitude for their allowing Khalistani separatists to try the same on Canadian soil). [X]	8.9K	399.6K
Smita Prakash	Karima Baloch, a Pakistani human rights activist was found dead in Canada. Foul play suspected. Did you see Trudeau expelling Pak diplomats? Any Western media house blaming Pak Army for Putin like tactics? Nope. That is reserved only for India. https://t.co/jEa5STYePJ [X]	20.7K	343.7K
Amish Devgan	#GeorgeSoros and #JustinTrudeau photo says it all . He is also with Khalistani elements who are anti India . [X]	13.1K	328.4K
Smita Prakash	Overheard "A certain Head of Govt's aircraft didn't take off, but his imagination did" [X]	10.6K	280.1K
Smita Prakash	Clueless Trudeau playing with fire while falling into the lap of Khalistani extremists in his own soil. Canada lost 280 of its own citizens in 1985 bombing of an Air India plane by Khalistanis. 329 ppl were killed in that terror attack. Canada freed the man convicted for that. [X]	10.7K	252.9K
ANI	"Very surprising..." Washington DC based foreign policy expert decodes Trudeau's claim on Nijjar [YouTube]	4.0K	235.0K

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Account	Headline / Text	Engagement (Likes, Shares, Comments)	Views (Impressions)
Zee News	India Canada Rift: Khalistani terrorist dies, Justin Trudeau in trouble! PM Modi Canada YouTube	2.8K	228.0K
Anand Ranganathan	Had bin Laden taken Canadian citizenship he would still be alive, lounging about in a villa in Ottawa just off Sussex Drive, with his 5 wives and 24 children, watching CBC report Canadian and American govts expelling each other's diplomats. X	9.8K	153.4K
Shiv Aroor	Justin Trudeau isn't just a terrorist enabler. By calling Hardeep Nijjar a 'Canadian citizen' and pandering to terrorists, he has insulted the proud global Sikh community. X	6.5K	93.5K
Zee News	After Trudeau [statement], Canada's Foreign Minister spews venom. YouTube	1.8K	86.0K
FirstPost	Khalistan Row: India Hits Back After Canadian PM's "Absurd" Claim Vantage with Palki Sharma YouTube	2.9K	67.0K
Ajit Datta	Trudeau is making an issue out of this to save his own ass domestically. But internationally, what started out as an attempt to make India look like Russia, will end up making Canada look like Pakistan instead. X	2.6K	29.0K