

10 August 2023

P Taylor

Tēnā koe P Taylor

Request for information

I refer to my letter of 7 July 2023 regarding your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) requests of 10 March, 6 April and 10 April 2022, for information relating to the protest and occupation of Parliament in February and March 2022 (Protest). As advised in that letter, Police was still consulting on some information relevant to the following requests:

IR-01-23-6876

In accordance with the Official Information Act 1982, I would like to request any New Zealand Police intelligence assessments or summaries, or documents of similar intention, in relation to the "CONVOY 2022 NZ" protest in Wellington that were compiled during the period of 01/02/2022 to 03/03/2022.

IR-01-23-10325

I would like to request all communications between any representative of the New Zealand Police and any member of any Canadian law enforcement service over the period 06/02/2022 and 03/03/2022. To avoid clarification, and to further narrow this request, I am interested in any information in reference to the "CONVOY 2022 NZ" protest and the Canadian Truckers protest.

I am now able to provide the remaining information, as set out below.

IR-01-23-6876

Please find attached a copy of an Intelligence Notification titled *Op Convoy Occupation: Weapons Capability*.

Some information has been withheld under the following grounds:

- section 6(c), release would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial
- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Where information has been withheld under section 9, Police does not consider that the grounds for withholding this information is outweighed by any public interest in its release.

IR-01-23-10325

Please find attached copies of correspondence between New Zealand Police and The Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the period 6 February to 3 March 2022, regarding either the "CONVOY 2022 NZ" protest or the "Canadian Truckers" protest.

Some information has been withheld under the following grounds:

- section 6(a), release would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand

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- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons
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With this response, Police has provided all the information it has identified which is relevant to your three requests, except where a valid withholding ground applied.

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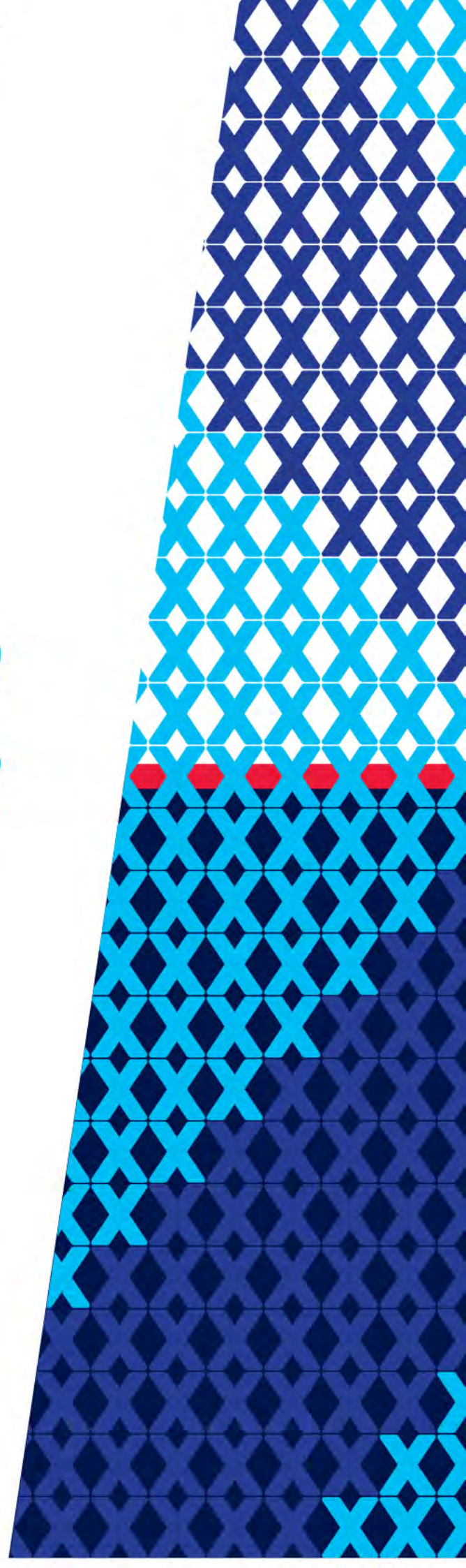


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Intelligence Notification

Op Convoy Occupation:
Weapons Capability

01 March 2022



Background

1. The anti-COVID mandate protest at Parliament grounds is entering its fourth week of occupation.
2. As of 0700hrs on 1 March, the group was estimated to be less than 100 strong with approximately 300 structures in place. Numbers generally increase as the day progresses.
3. The Freedom and Rights Coalition (TFRC) intends to uphold and encourage non-compliance with COVID orders on 1 March at 1000hrs. It is possible they will also attempt to reclaim Parliament on this day.
4. This report provides intelligence surrounding weapons capability, protesters' intent, and threat of firearm presence within the occupation, and an overall threat assessment of weapon-based violence against Police.

Threat Assessment

5. Intent is assessed with consideration of confidence and desire. Based on collective previous actions by protesters including driving a vehicle into Police, throwing human waste and spraying an unknown substance in the faces of deployed police officers, **the protesters' intent to cause harm to Police should be considered likely.**
6. Capability is assessed with consideration of knowledge and resources. There are certainly a sufficient range of resources capable of being used as weapons against Police, and individuals with high levels of knowledge. **Their collective capability is assessed as almost certain.**
7. **Using the threat assessment guideline, the threat of weapon-based violence towards Police is assessed as high/expected.**
8. **It is currently unknown, but should be considered possible, that firearms are present and may be used against Police.**

Observed Weaponry

9. A variety of improvised, traditional, and more commonplace weapons have been observed on site at the Parliament grounds occupation.

Firearms

10. To date no firearms have been observed on Parliament grounds. On 24 February at 1818hrs, a male was apparently live on social media platform TikTok on Parliament grounds, holding a firearm stating that they would use the firearm if Police invaded.¹ It was reportedly mentioned in the video that others within the occupation also had firearms. The firearm in the video was described as a black handgun. As the video was "live" it is not available for Police to review. **s.6(c) OIA**
[REDACTED] Wellington District Crime Squad assessed it unlikely that a person has walked around the protest area while holding a firearm without generating any disturbance or further calls to Police.

¹ **s.6(c) OIA**
[REDACTED]

Knives

11. Knives are almost certainly present at the protest and are almost certainly a weapon of choice for protesters, due to their ability to be easily concealed and readily available.
12. On 21 February, s.6(c) OIA, s.9(2)(a) OIA² was arrested in Wellington and found to be in possession of a knife (refer Figure 1). The following day he was located and searched, after sharing veiled threats to Police online. No weapons were located on this occasion. It is possible s.9(2)(a) OIA and other protesters, have become savvier to carrying weapons on their person and instead have them available in other locations around the occupation. A Google search indicates this type of knife is categorised as a martial arts “claw knife” or a “karambit knife” and retails for between \$60-100 online. Karambit knives are popular for self-defence and as “every day carry” weapons.³ An unidentified male s.9(2)(a) OIA was spoken to on 28 February. He advised Police that he was in possession of knives to defend himself with, should Police enter his tent.⁴ There are no other specific examples of knives being present.



Figure 1: Knife located on protester

Weapons of Opportunity

13. On 22 February, three police officers were sprayed to the face with an unknown substance and subsequently required medical attention.⁵ This substance has not yet been identified. It is possible protesters will replicate this retaliation method and have liquid substances, even if not harmful, in spray bottles or other vessels, readily available in order to impede Police intervention.
14. On 21 February, protesters retaliated to an early morning Police deployment by throwing human waste at staff. A repeat of this attack towards to Police almost certainly presents a health and safety risk to all present.
15. Taiaha, metal poles, pipes, bars, and sharpened sticks have been located on site, concealed underneath road cones and in the vicinity of concrete bollards. It is possible protesters are also storing or hiding these in other easily accessible locations for future use.⁶ On 28 February, a 30-minute taiaha training session was held inside cordon one.⁷ It is possible their intent is to practice or train others, should these skills be required during a confrontation with Police. Refer Figure 2.
16. Approximately 50 wooden crosses are currently on display on the forecourt of the Parliament grounds.⁸ Items such as these would almost certainly provide protesters with a form of weapon should an unplanned mass retaliation to Police action take place.



Figure 2: Taiaha training observed on 28 February

² s.9(2)(a) OIA

³ <https://www.karambit.com/>; <https://www.fruugo.co.nz/claw-knife-csgo-game-claw-sharp-multi-purpose-tool/p-64572522-130212267>; <https://www.blademaster.co.nz/shop/Shop+by+Brands/United+Cutlery/-2786.html>

⁴ s.6(c) OIA

⁵ NIC-INTSUM-220222 Op Oversight 1600hrs

⁶ WGD-IN-2202026, NIC-INTSUM-220222 Op Oversight 1600hrs

⁷ s.6(c) OIA

⁸ ibid

17. Protesters have been observed with improvised shields, crafted from plywood with handles of rope or hose.⁹ Protesters made attempts to conceal these from Police by laying them on the ground amongst the crowds. While some shields are reported to display protest messages on them, protesters have been noted practising how they would be used against Police if required. Refer to *Figure 3*.
18. Readily available items from vehicles which may be used as weapons include wheel braces, chains and tools used by tradespeople.
19. More traditionally innocuous items almost certainly present a risk to Police and the public. These opportunistic weapons which are readily available at the occupation include recreational sports equipment such as baseball bats, cooking utensils, flag poles, tent poles, protest signs, walking sticks, etc.
20. Concealed weapons such as those commonly located on court attendees and arrested persons may also be favoured. These can take any form including tasers, OC sprays, knuckle dusters, and knives hidden in belt buckles, credit cards, walking sticks, fidget spinners, and key rings fashioned to resemble normal items (e.g. torches or window breaking tools).



Figure 3: Handcrafted shield. Source: NZ Herald

Firearms Threat

21. A number of individuals who are either licenced firearms holders, or who have a history of firearms offences, have been identified in attendance at the protest.

22. s.6(c) OIA, s.9(2)(a) OIA

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⁹ <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/covid-19-omicron-protest-police-in-riot-gear-gather-at-parliament-protest-site-high-risk-location-of-interest> Retrieved on 28 February 2022 @ 1400hrs

¹⁰ s.6(c) OIA

¹¹ s.6(c) OIA

¹² s.6(c) OIA

¹³ s.6(c) OIA

25. s.6(c) OIA, s.9(2)(a) OIA

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Other Considerations

27. The continued construction of platforms, both on the ground and elevated within trees, will likely present Police with difficulties should site clearance be required. Additionally, protestors may take the opportunity to utilise the elevated platforms as observation points and locations to deploy weapons or harmful substances towards Police.

¹⁴ s.9(2)(a) OIA

¹⁵ s.9(2)(a) OIA

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LIKELY	The event will probably occur in most circumstances	>65%
POSSIBLE	The event might occur some of the time	>35%
UNLIKELY	The event could occur in some circumstances	<35%
RARE	The event has remote chance of occurring	<5%

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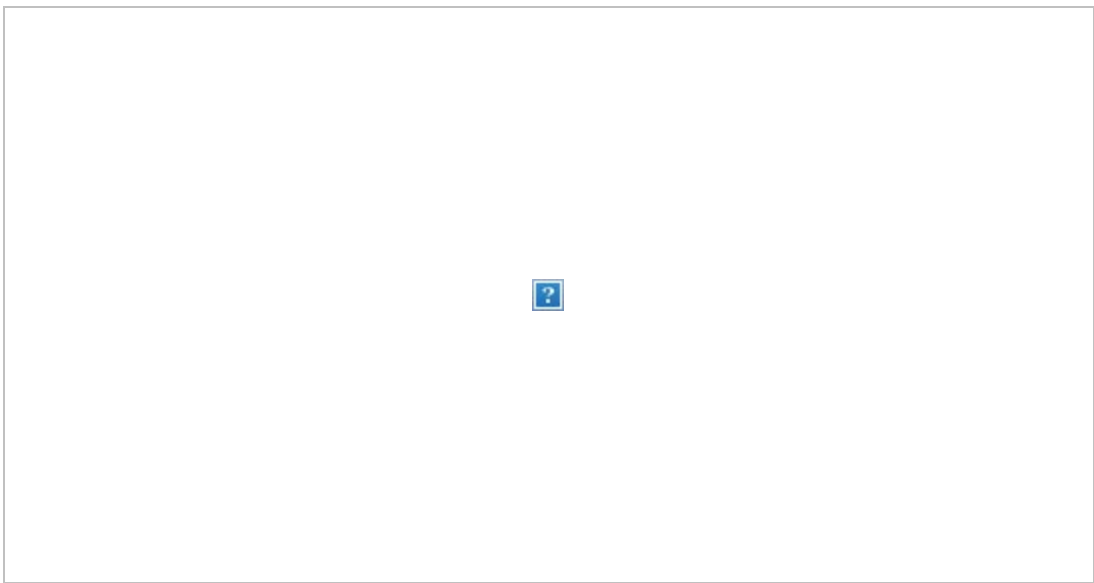
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Afternoon,

At this stage we have not identified a definitive Canadian nexus. However we have assessed it is almost certain the NZ Convoy was inspired in some way by the success of what was seen with protest activity in Canada. Vehicles in New Zealand’s protests have had messages such as “we stand with you Ottawa” written on them, and multiple Canadian flags have seen in the crowd and hoisted on the flag poles by protesters on Parliament grounds. Furthermore, the original Convoy s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED] groups in NZ initially mobilised their base using the Ottawa convoy as a foundation - the initial calls to anti-mandate groups focused on truckers allegiance.



Canadian flag flown by the protestors outside Parliament in Wellington.

While NZP have not identified any direct communication between those involved in Canadian and NZ protests, the below s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED] spaces have reference to Canada that could be deemed as possibly inspiring similar action in NZ:

s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED]

I have asked the intelligence teams in NZ to keep me updated with any Canadian nexus, so will send through more as I get it.

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Good morning s.9(2)(g)(ii)

I have received an urgent request from the office of the Assistant Commissioner of the RCMP.

FPCO is interested in establishing whether the New Zealand Police have information linking their protests with the Canadian ones, in particular, on social media platforms/chat rooms.

Any information that you can provide would be appreciated.

Thank you and best regards.

s.9(2)(g)(ii)

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- Police strategies on security measures in Ottawa are being shared on social media.
- Trucks and vehicles are leaving or being towed in various areas of the National Capital Region (NCR).
- As of 1430hrs, the OPS reports a total of 21 towed vehicles.
- According to a 1600hrs press conference held by Ottawa Police Service (OPS), a total of 70 individuals have been arrested.

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NATIONAL SITUATIONAL REPORT

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Recent Arrests

s.9(2)(a) OIA

- Tamara LICH, arrested on 2022-02-17 and charged with Counselling to Commit Mischief.¹
- Chris BARBER, arrested on 2022-02-17. He has been charged with Counselling to Commit the offence of mischief, Counselling to Commit the offence of obstructing the police, and Counselling to Commit the offence of disobeying a court order.²

s.9(2)(a) OIA

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- s.9(2)(a) OIA one of the convoy organizers, is posting on social media for supporters to uber, cab to downtown Ottawa and to lie to get into the restricted zone.⁵
- According to open source, tow truck drivers covering up their company logos and faces as they are receiving threats verbally and online.⁶
- On 2022-02-18, as of approximately 1600hrs, police have arrested 70 individuals and towed 21 vehicles.⁷

ONTARIO

Windsor (Ambassador Bridge)

- Police continue to monitor the barricades that have been set up on Huron Church Road (close proximity to the bridge) to prevent protesters from blocking access to the Ambassador Bridge.⁸

SASKATCHEWAN

- Events are expected at the North Portal and Northgate port of entries. The Village of North Portal said it has heard 60 to 80 semi-trucks and up to 120 passenger vehicles are expected to be involved at the protest starting on 2022-02-19. Land owners have granted permission to the event organizers to use private land for camping and gathering.



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¹ <https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/police-move-in-on-ottawa-protesters-3rd-convoy-organizer-arrested-1.5786632>, 2022-02-18

² <https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/police-make-at-least-21-arrests-in-ottawa-interim-chief-to-provide-update-1.5786632>, 2022-02-18

³ <https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/st-thomas-man-charged-with-assaulting-pm-arrested-in-ottawa/wcm/f3c82811-ae86-4bd0-8961-93c54e4b8c30>, 2022-02-18

⁴ https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2022/02/18/convoy-protests-police-continue-crackdown-on-convoy-protesters.html?_vfz=medium%3Dconversations_top_pages, 2022-02-18

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- Recent Sitreps out of the JIG

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Illegal Protest Activity: Update for International Partners

Overview

- The RCMP continues to provide around-the-clock assistance to the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) and Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) through the enhanced Integrated Command Centre. This collaboration is helping us to bolster resources and the enforcement response. A clear and actionable plan has been developed and is underway to bring about a safe and peaceful end to the unlawful protests continuing in downtown Ottawa.
- Significant police action is underway to address illegal protests in Ottawa and elsewhere in Canada.
- Over the past two weeks, blockades at the Ambassador Bridge in Ontario, at Emerson in Manitoba, at Coutts in Alberta and in Quebec City near legislative building were handled peacefully in a few hours or days. At Coutts in Alberta, some individuals were charged and weapons found. For more, see news release: <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cn/news/2022/alberta-rcmp-make-arrests-coutts-border-blockade>
- The situation in Ottawa remains. A major police operation is ongoing. This action is being led by local police of jurisdiction supported by police from across Canada, including RCMP members.
- A large secured area has been established in Ottawa, encompassing much of the downtown core. Government offices are largely closed and highway access and some mass transit in the core has been reduced. Access is limited to individuals with a legitimate reason to be there and controlled by police checkpoints.
- These measures are expected to remain in place for days. Ongoing police operations are sequenced and focused on addressing protesters; they will continue by removing heavy trucks blocking main city streets.
- Banks have started to freeze personal and corporate accounts linked to the demonstrations.
- A number of main organizers and individuals of concern were arrested starting Thursday evening, with many additional arrests ongoing. So far, protesters are not resisting significantly when apprehended. There is continues to be a presence of children amongst protesters.
- The RCMP, through the Canadian Police Information Center, has encouraged all Canadian police agencies to log individuals arrested and released, charged and released, or suspected to be involved with illegal activities on CPIC as a means of facilitate information sharing. This should facilitate future queries from international partners.
- The Canada Police Information Center allows US agencies access to CPIC data in accordance with a Memorandum of Cooperation and Federal Privacy Laws. Other international partners can make requests for information via established channels such as Liaison Officers, EUROPOL and INTERPOL channels; these will be assessed and addressed promptly.

- The RCMP continues to develop intelligence on those suspected to be involved with illegal activities, with an overarching focus on identifying risks to public safety both in Canada and abroad.
- The RCMP's Joint Intelligence Group on Illegal Protest Activities is not aware of any specific threat intelligence suggesting imminent risk of public safety at present [as of 14:00 2022-02-18]. See attached products from the JIG.
- Numerous protest events are planned across Canada for this coming weekend [2022-02-19 and 2022-02-20]. Planning is underway vis-à-vis each of these.
- We continue to track convoy-style protests around the world likely inspired by events in Ottawa.
- Please send any requests for information to s.6(a) OIA
- RCMP has also started a webpage dedicated to information on unfolding events: www.blockade.rcmp.ca. The website of the Ottawa Police service leading the operation is www.ottawapolice.ca.

Approved by:

s.9(2)(g)(ii)

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Emergencies Act

Emergency Measures Regulations (Regulations) & Emergency Economic Measures Order (Order)

In Force: February 14, 2022 | Expiration Date: March 15, 2022, unless extended or revoked

Fundamental Principles

- **Objectives:** (1) Regulate and prohibit public assemblies that lead to a breach of the peace (other than lawful advocacy, protest or dissent) and (2) limit the funding of such assemblies.
- **New Tools:** Supplement existing enforcement tools and fill gaps in legislative authorities at the federal/provincial level needed during an emergency.
- **Enforcement:** By the police of jurisdiction (municipal/provincial police services and the RCMP (under both its contract and federal mandate)).
- **Charter Applies:** Fundamental rights cannot be limited/abridged, even in a national emergency.
- **Police Independence & Police Discretion remain unchanged.**

Emergency Measures Regulations – New Tools

Tools apply to Public Assemblies expected to lead to a Breach of the Peace by: [s.2(1) Reg.]

- Serious disruption of the movement of persons/goods or serious interference with trade;
- Interference with the functioning of critical infrastructure; or
- Support of the threat or use of serious violence against persons/property.

Prohibit:

1. **Participating in public assemblies that lead to a breach of the peace** [s. 2(1) Reg.]
2. **Causing minors (under 18) to participate or travel to these assemblies** [ss. 2(2), 4(2) Reg.]
3. **Foreign nationals from entering Canada to participate in/facilitate these public assemblies** [s. 3 Reg.]
4. **Travelling to/within these public assemblies (subject to specified exemptions)** [s. 4 Reg.]
5. **Using/collecting/ making available property to those facilitating/participating in these public assemblies** [s. 5 Reg.]

Require individuals/companies to provide essential goods and services for towing, removing and storing blockade vehicles, equipment or other objects immediately [ss. 7-9 Reg.].

Allow the proactive securing of identified/designated Protected Places (e.g. parliamentary precinct, official residences, government buildings, war monuments, critical infrastructure) [s. 6 Reg.].

RCMP Officers may enforce Provincial/Municipal Laws for the purposes of the Regulations. CBSA will be part of enforcement at the border. Peace Officers may take the necessary measures to ensure compliance [s. 10 (1) Reg.].

Prosecute Contraventions of the Regulations: Summary conviction (max. \$500 fine and/or 6 months prison); or indictment (max. \$5,000 fine and/or 5 years prison) by federal/provincial prosecution services (concurrent jurisdiction) [s.10(2) Reg.].

Emergency Economic Measures Order – New Tools

- **Prohibits engaging in financial transactions supporting the unlawful public assemblies.**
- **Requires banks and other financial entities, such as crowdfunding platforms and payment service providers (e.g. PayPal), to:** [ss. 2-5 Order]
 - **Review (and continually monitor)** to see if they possess/control the property (i.e. bank accounts, cryptocurrencies and other assets) of a person involved in the unlawful public assemblies.
 - **Freeze/suspend** their account, crypto wallet, lending products and investments. No court order is needed.
 - **Cease providing them financial services** or facilitating transactions.
 - **Oblige crowdfunding platforms to register with FINTRAC** and make reports regarding persons involved in the unlawful public assemblies.
 - **Without delay, disclose to the RCMP or CSIS** the existence of property of a person involved in the unlawful public assemblies and any information about a transaction or proposed transaction.
- **Allows federal, provincial or territorial institutions (including the RCMP) to disclose** at their discretion, and in conformity with any privacy legislation, any information with financial entities for purposes of the Order (e.g. name and address of a participant unlawful public assembly) [s. 6 Order].



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE NATIONAL SITUATIONAL REPORT

DATE: 2022-02-17, current as of 16h00

KEY POINTS

- Media coverage is focusing on the increased presence of Ottawa Police Service (OPS) and other law enforcement partners in downtown Ottawa, including the erection of fences around Parliament and the Senate.¹
- Based on perceived success at Coutts (Alberta), information was found that individuals have discussed disrupting/blocking cargo terminals at Canadian airports.²
- Multiple events are planned for 2022-02-19 and 2022-02-21 across the country.³

MINISTERS PRESS CONFERENCE

- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Public Safety, Hon. Marco Mendicino, and President of the Queen's Privy Council and Minister of Emergency Preparedness, Hon. Bill Blair held a press conference on 2022-02-17. Chrystia Freeland advised financial service providers have already taken action and the impact will grow in the coming days.⁴

EMERGENCIES ACT

- The Orders in Council have been published in the Canada Gazette at the following links: [Canada Gazette, Part II: Volume 156 - Canada.ca](#) and [Canada Gazette, Part II](#).

ALBERTA

- Based on perceived success at Coutts (Alberta), information was found that individuals have discussed disrupting/blocking cargo terminals at Canadian airports.⁵
- The 13 individuals arrested on 2022-02-14 have been charged with a variety of Criminal Code offenses, including mischief over \$5000.00 and, conspiracy to commit murder.⁶

BRITISH COLUMBIA

- An online petition has been created calling on the City of Victoria to enforce noise bylaws during planned demonstrations on the weekend of 2022-02-19 at the Legislative Assembly of BC.⁷

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

- There is a visible increase in police presence in downtown Ottawa. Police resources continue to deliver notices to the demonstrators to vacate the downtown area. In addition, police are limiting access to the downtown core.⁸
- As of the morning of 2022-02-17, fences are being set up in front of government buildings including Parliament and the Senate.⁹

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**NOVA SCOTIA**

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- In the morning of 2022-02-13, a truck and trailer containing over 2000 firearms had been stolen from a Peterborough trucking company. The truck was recovered on 2022-02-14 while the trailer was located on 2022-02-16. Peterborough police indicated that 13 firearms are missing from the original inventory.¹¹¹²

Windsor (Ambassador Bridge)

- The POE is open and traffic flow as normal. A total of 44 arrests have been made, and a total 88 charges ranging from Breaching a Court Order to Mischief Over \$5000.¹³
- Police stopped a convoy of transport trucks, believed to be heading to Windsor from Ottawa. It has since circled back, travelling eastbound on Highway 401.¹⁴

QUEBEC

- The Mayor of Quebec City has given new powers to its police force to control traffic and prevent the consumption of alcohol ahead of a planned protest at the National Assembly of Quebec starting on 2022-02-19.¹⁵

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

NATIONAL SITUATIONAL REPORT

DATE: 2022-02-18, current as of 0900

KEY POINTS

- RCMP was informed that banks have started to freeze personal and corporate accounts provided under the Emergencies Act measures.
- A secured area has been established in the NCR from Bronson Avenue to the Rideau Canal, and from Highway 417 to Parliament Hill, with almost 100 police checkpoints.
- **s.9(2)(a) OIA** and **s.9(2)(a) OIA** two of the main organizers, have been arrested in the evening of 2022-02-17.¹
- Media coverage is focusing on the increased presence of Ottawa Police and other Law Enforcement partners in downtown Ottawa.

Recent Arrests

- **s.9(2)(a) OIA** arrested on 2022-02-17
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FREEDOM CONVOY FUNDING

- RCMP was informed that banks have started to freeze personal and corporate accounts provided under the Emergencies Act measures.
- The GiveSendGo website appears to be active and accepting donations. To date, it has raised over \$9 million USD.²

POTENTIAL U.S. CONVOYS

- People's Convoy is expected to begin with 1000 vehicles in Barstow, CA and garner more vehicles as it progresses through the United States to Washington, DC.³

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Surrey (Pacific Highway)

- The freedom convoy is reported to be moving through Vancouver the weekend of 2022-02-18/20, departing from different cities for a demonstration at the Canada-United States border.⁴

MANITOBA

- The demonstration at the Manitoba Legislature is ongoing.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

- As of the morning of 2022-02-17, fences had been set up in front of government buildings including Parliament and the Senate.⁵
- Ottawa police have established a secure zone in downtown Ottawa, with 100 checkpoints to ensure convoy supporters cannot enter the area.⁶
- Police resources continue to deliver notices to the demonstrators to vacate the downtown area.⁷



- Government of Canada employees are being told to avoid the Ottawa's downtown core, unless for critical support reasons.⁸

NEW BRUNSWICK

- A convoy is anticipated to be in Fredericton this weekend 2022-02-19/20.⁹

NOVA SCOTIA

- Province-wide convoys have been posted online for 2022-02-19.¹⁰

ONTARIO

Sarnia

- The CBSA reports a MY PILLOWS truck attempting to cross into Canada to supply convoy supporters with pillows.¹¹ They were denied entry into Canada.¹²

Windsor (Ambassador Bridge)

- Windsor police continue to restrict traffic access to the bridge area, as they are concerned that convoy supporters may return to the bridge.¹³

QUEBEC

- Quebec is reporting that convoy supporters plan to be demonstrating at the Lacolle port of entry located in St.- Bernard-de-Lacolle, QC, a Canada and United States border.¹⁴ A Facebook group named "Freedom Canada" has identified 2022-02-19 as the date for their demonstration at this border crossing.¹⁵
- A 'freedom convoy' is planned for 2022-02-18 to 2022-02-20 in Quebec City.¹⁶

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SPECIAL THREAT ADVISORY COASTAL GASLINK PIPELINE (CGL) OPPOSITION AT MORICE RIVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

KEY POINTS

- A reported violent confrontation in Morice River, British Columbia is being investigated. No linkages have currently been identified to the active protests against the Coastal Gaslink Pipeline (CGL) in the area.
- Some anarchist social media accounts and blogs have praised the direct action, indicating a level of support for activities of violence and sabotage within ideologically motivated networks.
- Polarizing narratives about the CGL incident have been observed within Freedom Convoy 2022 networks. There is a perception among convoy supporters that the police response against protesters in Ottawa is unwarranted in contrast to the perceived lack of police attention to the incident of violence perpetrated at the CGL site.

SPECIAL THREAT ADVISORY – UPDATE 8 FREEDOM CONVOY 2022 – BROADER IMPLICATIONS

KEY POINTS

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violence.

- It is likely that some individuals who were not ideologically motivated prior to the Freedom Convoy 2022 will gravitate towards ideologies to which they have been exposed as a result of the misinformation circulating, specifically surrounding the perception of government overreach and police enforcement.
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- Future public order events are likely to continue targeting critical transportation infrastructure, as such actions may be perceived by anti-public health demonstrators as both peaceful and effective for garnering attention to their cause.
- Though the long-term effects of the pandemic response are unknown, once restrictions are lifted, it is likely that anti-government and anti-authority ideological grievances will remain and individuals may gravitate to opposing new grievances that emerge. The IMCIT will continue to maintain visibility on all grievances spanning the traditional ideological spectrum as anti-public health order measures ease.

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This special threat advisory is intended to provide situational awareness of threats to public order, public safety, and the security of public officials arising from violent online rhetoric opposing new and ongoing public health restrictions (Information current as of 22 February 2022, 0900hrs). The IMCIT continues to maintain visibility on emerging threats and will provide updates as required.

SPECIAL THREAT ADVISORY – UPDATE 8

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INTRODUCTION

The Freedom Convoy 2022 and nationwide solidarity events continue to be a focal point of discussion within anti-public health order networks during this reporting period. The IMCIT assesses that opposition to vaccine mandates continue to grow in intensity and could become a potential flash point for acts of serious violence. This Special Threat Advisory will highlight a number of emerging issues from the convoy which have broader implications.

FREEDOM CONVOY 2022 NARRATIVES

A mix of narratives, some ideological in nature (see footnote for details), have been observed during the course of the Freedom Convoy 2022 which have influenced ongoing national and international solidarity events.

THE AVERAGE PROTESTER

Prior to police enforcement in Ottawa, which began on 18 February 2022, narratives supportive of the convoy indicated a perception that the events in Ottawa were a showing of unity amongst Canadians with a common goal of achieving “freedom” for everyone. A significant amount of social media displayed footage showing people smiling, hugging and dancing, with children playing at the events in Ottawa, which appeared peaceful and lawful, and engaging in social activities that have sometimes been restricted due to public health measures throughout the past two years.

While widely-circulated news media reported references to controversial symbolism seen at various points throughout the original protest events in Ottawa, a perception that the media was trying to discredit the movement was used to counter allegations that the convoy was hateful in nature. Based on observations spanning across social media in regards to the main action in Ottawa, the IMCIT assesses that, although protesters tolerated the presence of hate symbols and ideologically motivated elements, the majority of individuals participating in the protest did not appear to be ideologically motivated themselves. Rather, they were individuals that were frustrated with the COVID restrictions and wanted to simply protest, with no intention of seeking ideologically motivated individuals or groups as allies.

THE IDEOLOGICALLY MOTIVATED PROTESTER (TRADITIONAL RIGHT)

In ideologically motivated³ conversations, the convoy and perception of global support continues to gain traction among individuals and networks with long-standing grievances that are anti-government, ethno-nationalist, racially motivated and anti-authority in nature and who have had these grievances amplified by government responses to COVID-19. It is likely that much of the misinformation, disinformation, and conspiracy theories related to the convoy originated within ideologically motivated

³ In this context, “ideologically motivated” represents individuals or networks known to law enforcement before the Freedom Convoy 2022 event or identified during the convoy by their online presence espousing racially motivated, ethno-nationalist, anti-government or anti-authority grievances. This also includes individuals who had previously attended events throughout Canada where the aforementioned grievances were expressed. It is important to note that the presence of ideologically motivated individuals does not necessarily mean ideologically motivated criminality or ideologically motivated violence will occur.

networks and bled into social networks that would not normally be considered ideologically motivated in nature.

In part, this may be due to the unprecedented momentum that the convoy attracted on social media as a whole. It is unlikely that everyone sharing misinformation was aware of any underlying ideologically motivated intentions. The IMCIT assesses that, in addition to anti-government grievances, there will be persisting anti-authority narratives as a result of this protest due to the images circulating showing a heavy police presence and allegations of police brutality. It is possible that some individuals who were not ideologically motivated previously will gravitate towards ideologies to which they have been exposed as a result of the misinformation circulating, specifically surrounding police enforcement and the perception of government overreach.

THE IDEOLOGICALLY MOTIVATED PROTESTER (TRADITIONAL LEFT)

Ideologically motivated discussions are not limited to those supportive of the ongoing anti-public health order protests. Within other grievance-driven networks^b that have a visible footprint in Canada, discussions about the convoy have also been observed. It is likely that some individuals involved in organizing protests that typically fall to the left of the ideological spectrum participated in counter-protests opposing the convoy¹ and open source information on anarchist blogs suggests that individuals attended the convoy in Ottawa to observe and report.^{2, 3} In addition, narratives have been observed suggesting police or the government will use the events in Ottawa to justify future enforcement during public order activities considered left leaning in nature.⁴

THE EMERGENCY ACT NARRATIVE

When implementation of the *Emergencies Act* was announced, it was largely interpreted by protesters as unjust and its use was perceived as sending a message of fear and control by the government. The overall online reaction to the *Emergencies Act* suggests it reinforced narratives observed throughout the pandemic in anti-public health networks which claimed public health measures were a plan by the government to place limits on personal freedoms and another example of abuse of authority.

Discussions critical of the *Emergencies Act* have also been observed in conversations comparing the current situation in Ottawa to the rail blockades of 2020 when no such act was invoked. The ability to freeze bank accounts linked to the convoy resulted in further discussions referencing crowdfunding initiatives for previous high profile public order events, indicating a perception that the convoy fundraiser received undue scrutiny. The official passing of the *Emergencies Act* on 21 February 2022 has amplified these narratives claiming government overreach.

Enforcement of the events specific to Ottawa received widespread media coverage. It is likely that some of the individuals arrested were simply frustrated with the pandemic and took part in an act of civil disobedience. Long-term, this high visibility event has provided an education in enforcement tactics to a widespread audience, which could be exploited at future events by ideologically motivated individuals or groups.

^a In this context, "other grievance-driven networks" represents individuals and groups that have historically espoused anarchist and environmental grievances.

POTENTIAL INSIDER THREAT CONCERNS

Narratives questioning the loyalty and authority of police and the military have been circulating on social media due to the presence of current and serving members appearing to support convoy efforts.

Additionally, a leaked online chat allegedly involving RCMP officers working on enforcement actions related to the convoy has circulated within ideologically motivated networks⁵ as well as on other social media. Publicly available photos of the officers named in the chat have also been posted.⁶

These actions present an officer safety issue with respect to doxxing⁷, as well as highlight existing concerns of insider threats⁷, both of which the IMCIT has reported on previously (see IMCIT STA 02 - 2021-12-02 for more details on officer doxing and IMCIT STA 2022-09 – 2022-02-16 on the potential for insider threats). These issues threaten the integrity of law enforcement operations, affect the national police service's public image and create the appearance of fragmentation within the RCMP. In addition, insider threats jeopardize law enforcement tactics and techniques, which could result in increased criminal sophistication for future activities carried out by ideologically motivated individuals.

The RCMP continues to investigate all such incidents and has issued a public statement on the leaked online chat situation.⁸

FLUID STAGING AREAS

Though downtown Ottawa has been cleared of vehicles and protesters and the compound on Coventry Road has been dismantled, the development of staging areas in rural locations on private land in and close to Ottawa have generated some online discussion, though detailed open source information is limited at this time. It is important to note that, over the duration of the protest, participants likely formed new connections and may be communicating through private networks or in person, which discounts the need for open source advertising. It is possible that discussions about future tactics and actions are likely occurring at these staging locations. Law enforcement continues to be engaged on the evolving situation.

OVERALL THREATS AND CRIMINALITY

The majority of convoy demonstrators across jurisdictions were observed to be engaging in non-violent protests, with police in multiple jurisdictions reporting the issuance of tickets for traffic and noise infractions and mischief.⁹ A number of charges reported by police agencies, however, constituted threats to critical infrastructure and/or violence arising from the anti-public health movement. The IMCIT assesses that the perceived success of the convoy demonstrations and anti-authority sentiments in response to police enforcement of the movement may further embolden ideologically motivated individuals to engage in acts of violence or criminality at future public order events.

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THREATS TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Convoy protest activities affected operations at international ports of entry and ferry terminals. Convoy demonstrations leading to closures of Canada-US border crossings posed significant threats to critical infrastructure with implications affecting economic integrity, international trade, supply chain management, and border integrity. Four ports of entry were severely affected by border blockades set up by protesters:

- The Pacific Highway crossing in Surrey BC was closed for four cumulative days across four weeks¹⁰, and led to the arrests of 16 individuals¹¹;
- The border crossing in Coutts AB was closed for 16 consecutive days¹² and led to the arrests of at least five individuals¹³;
- The border crossing in Emerson MB was closed for six consecutive days¹⁴; and
- The Ambassador Bridge crossing in Windsor ON was closed for six consecutive days¹⁵ and led to the arrests of at least 25 individuals.¹⁶

Additionally, protest activities near ports of entry in North Portal SK¹⁷, Niagara ON¹⁸, Cornwall ON¹⁹, and Lacolle QC²⁰ were also planned but did not affect border operations. Demonstrators in Ottawa circled the international airport in a “slow roll” convoy²¹, and demonstrators in Coutts discussed blocking access to airport cargo terminals.²² Demonstrators in North Sydney NS blocked access to the Marine Atlantic ferry.²³

Given its widespread implications, these disruptions and blockades garnered significant national and international news media coverage and elicited responses from politicians and public figures, which may be perceived by protesters as a successful tactic to raise awareness around their grievances. The IMCIT assesses that protest activities targeting critical transportation infrastructure are likely to continue in future public order events as such actions may be perceived by anti-public health demonstrators as both peaceful and effective for garnering attention to their cause.

THREAT OF HARRASSMENT AND VIOLENCE

A range of violent activities have been observed during convoy demonstrations, raising concerns for public and officer safety arising from the anti-public health movement. Verbal²⁴ and physical²⁵ harassment against healthcare workers have also been observed across jurisdictions over the past few weeks. Additionally, an escalation in anti-mask protests outside schools were observed²⁶, with one instance culminating in a protester being fined after using racially-charged language towards students.²⁷ Verbal harassment has also been observed against news media personnel while reporting on convoy events²⁸, and one protester was observed spitting on a reporter during a live broadcast.²⁹

Physical confrontation between convoy protesters and local residents have led to assault charges in at least four instances³⁰, raising the potential for public safety concerns as social division and tension is likely to increase as demonstrations continue. Concerns for officer safety are also likely to escalate,

following observations of violence against police at the Pacific Highway protest³¹ and the discovery of a conspiracy to murder police officers at the Coutts blockade³² by individuals associated to an ideologically motivated network which has expressed anti-authority grievances, including some references to the use of violence in relation to public health restrictions.³³

The IMCIT assesses that convoy protesters' perception that they are receiving widespread support from across the nation may embolden some individuals to act violently or display hostility towards those perceived to be in opposition of the movement, including counter-protesters, healthcare workers, and news media personnel. The threat of violent extremist actors using the convoy demonstrations to advance their ideologies and engage in acts of serious violence is underscored by anti-authority sentiments arising from police enforcement against the demonstrations. It is likely that lone actors or factions within the movement may take advantage of criticisms against the government's use of the *Emergency Act*³⁴ to continue to sow anti-authority sentiments at the grassroots level which may materialize in threats of violence against law enforcement and government personnel in the future.

NATIONAL OUTLOOK

The IMCIT assesses that the convoy has increased the audience for anti-public health order, anti-government and anti-authority narratives and that protests will persist as the pandemic continues to impact daily life. Any new restrictive measures implemented by any level of government in the future will likely be met with greater opposition than in the past and employ tactics learned through the events of January and February of 2022, such as the use of vehicles in protest, private communications and fundraising mechanisms.

Solidarity actions across Canada are ongoing and continue to receive mainstream and social media attention, largely due to the influence and duration of the Ottawa convoy. Though the long-term effects of the pandemic response are unknown, once restrictions are lifted, it is likely that anti-government and anti-authority ideological grievances will remain and individuals may gravitate to opposing new issues that emerge.

In the past, Canada as a whole has typically been viewed as passive or reactive to issues that spillover from other countries. The widespread perception that Canada has now inspired actions globally has likely emboldened the public order climate within Canada. Nationally, an event titled, "Freedom Chain 2022" is being promoted for 5 March 2022, where the general discussion is suggesting protesters to form a human chain on the TransCanada Highway across Canada.³⁵ At the time of this writing, little logistics for the event have been planned, however, a Facebook group associated with the action continues to grow³⁶ and a flyer advertising the event is circulating various social media platforms.

ANTI-PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS - GLOBAL TRENDS

Protest actions, in whole or in part inspired by the Freedom Convoys in Canada, have continued to appear internationally. Convoys to Paris, France³⁷ and Brussels, Belgium³⁸ were disrupted by law enforcement checkpoints and barricades before they could cause major issues. Protesters also encamped outside parliamentary buildings in Wellington, New Zealand³⁹ and Canberra, Australia.⁴⁰

News reporting indicates that protesters in New Zealand sprayed officers with noxious substances and human excrement, and in one instance attempted to ram officers with a vehicle.⁴¹

Americans have expressed significant interest in creating convoys to converge on Washington, D.C. in early March, garnering support from prominent political⁴² and media figures.⁴³ The American convoys appear relatively fragmented and disorganized, however, and there does not appear to be any consensus on leadership, routes, or dates, though disrupting President BIDEN's State of the Union Address on 1 March 2022 appears to be a popular goal. Regardless, the perceived effectiveness of the vehicular blockade in Ottawa is likely to inspire similar actions worldwide.

Fringe and ideologically motivated extremist groups have been observed attempting to co-opt anti-public health movements. For example, anti-vaccine protesters outside of a hospital in Boston, Massachusetts were joined by neo-Nazi demonstrators who claimed the hospital's equity policies amounted to anti-white genocide.⁴⁴ In Australia, sovereign citizens groups have been observed attending anti-vaccination protest events⁴⁵ and appropriating symbols and grievances from Indigenous sovereignty movements.⁴⁶ Overall, narratives circulating in anti-vaccine, ethno-nationalist, and conspiratorial ideologies continue to overlap and influence one another.

The IMCIT is liaising with law enforcement partners to maintain visibility on events related to the convoy which are occurring nationally, and will provide updates as required.

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This special threat advisory is intended to provide situational awareness of an alleged incident that occurred on 17 February 2022 in British Columbia, and how it is being discussed amongst various ideologically motivated networks. (Information current as of 24 February 2022, 0700hrs). The IMCIT continues to maintain visibility on emerging threats and will provide updates as required.

SPECIAL THREAT ADVISORY

COASTAL GASLINK PIPELINE (CGL) OPPOSITION AT MORICE RIVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

KEY POINTS

- A reported violent confrontation in Morice River, British Columbia is being investigated. No linkages have currently been identified to the active protests against the Coastal Gaslink Pipeline (CGL) in the area.
- Some anarchist social media accounts and blogs have praised the direct action, indicating a level of support for activities of violence and sabotage within ideologically motivated networks.
- Polarizing narratives about the CGL incident have been observed within Freedom Convoy 2022 networks. There is a perception among convoy supporters that the police response against protesters in Ottawa is unwarranted in contrast to the perceived lack of police attention to the incident of violence perpetrated at the CGL site.

BACKGROUND

On 17 February 2022, a violent confrontation occurred along the Morice River Forest Service Road¹ between individuals armed with axes, the employees of Coastal Gaslink Pipeline (CGL) and police officers. The following details were provided in the E Division media release about the incident²:

- Initial reports allege that security guards were attacked and their vehicle windows were smashed.
- Areas along the road were blocked with downed trees, tar covered stumps, wire, boards with spikes in them and a school bus.
- Fires were lit throughout the debris. Sticks lit on fire and smoke bombs were thrown at police, resulting in one officer sustaining injuries.
- Extensive damage to equipment, buildings and fencing was identified at the drill pad site.

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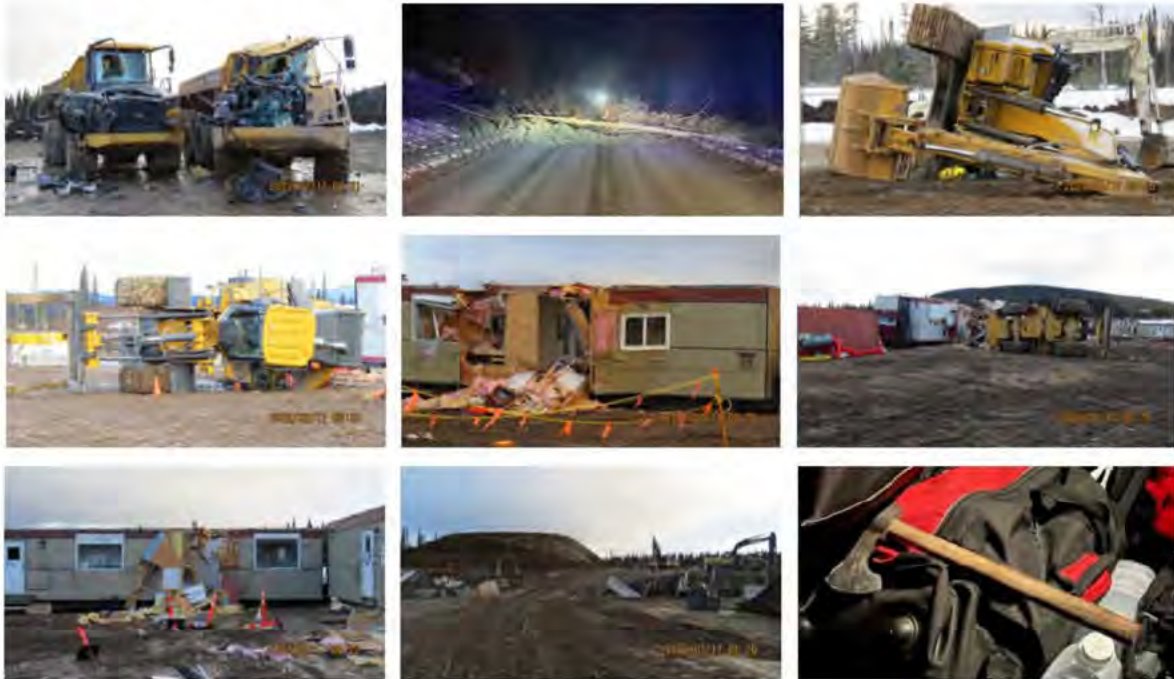
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According to a statement issued by CGL on 17 February 2022³, hydraulic and fuel lines were cut causing dangerous leaks and potential environmental damage.⁴ News media has reported that the equipment and property damage is estimated to be in the millions.⁵

The screenshots below are from the CGL statement.



Recent news reporting indicates that there are currently no suspects and, thus far, there have been no identified links to the active protest in the area.⁶ As of 21 February 2022, no claim of responsibility has been identified.

On 22 February, the RCMP released video footage of the alleged attack which depicted people armed with axes.⁷ The CGL website has also posted still footage of the reported attack, as pictured below.⁸



RELATED ONLINE NARRATIVES

Various narratives about the incident are circulating via open source networks:

- Some assert that this was an inside job by CGL itself due to budgetary issues, or that the RCMP caused the damage in response to criticism over the “heavy-handed response to peaceful demonstrators on traditional Wet’suwet’en territory in November”.⁹
- A prominent individual associated to numerous anarchist publications posted about the incident saying it was, “a highly effective of sabotage [sic] carried out by Indigenous land defenders”.¹⁰
- A Hamilton, ON social media page, which has regularly organized Wet’suwet’en solidarity actions in the past, posted “CGL & the Canadian State have left Wet’suwet’en individuals and their allies no other options to resist the CGL pipeline than direct action, including sabotage.”¹¹
- A popular international anarchist collective posted a thread about the incident, which includes the narrative, “We whole-heartedly hope that the mystery of who carried out this action is never solved, and that it contributes to the broader goal of blocking pipeline construction and convincing CGL’s investors to pull out from the project. #AllOutForWedzinKwa”.¹²
- Popular social media accounts associated with initiating past Wet’suwet’en nation-wide solidarity actions posted a statement by the Office of the Wet’suwet’en saying that they did not have enough information to make any comments regarding the situation and that they do not support violence.¹³ The same pages reposted content from a self-described anarchist account, however, which directed people to “Don’t talk to the cops”, captioned with the comment “This escalation of tactics is a logical step in the buildup of 4 years of struggle. Sometimes warriors need to do warrior shit.”¹⁴ It is likely that this post is in response to the RCMP conducting interviews of people in the area surrounding the crime scene.¹⁵

It is also important to note that, in the day following news of the CGL confrontation, Freedom Convoy 2022 networks were posting about the incident and questioning why such a significant police response was directed towards the events in Ottawa, which they perceived had been peaceful, in contrast to a perceived lack of police response to the incident of violence perpetrated at the CGL site.

RELATED COASTAL GASLINK PROTESTS

Individuals in opposition of the CGL pipeline continue to target Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) locations. Earlier in February of 2022, an anonymous submission to an anarchist blog claimed responsibility for smashing windows, gluing locks and card readers, and spray painting profanity on unnamed RBC locations in Montreal.¹⁶ The communication indicated that the actions responded to a call by Wet’suwet’en hereditary chiefs to “#ShutdownCanada in response to the invasion of their territory, the Yintah, by the RCMP for the third consecutive year.”¹⁷

Additionally, “Glue yourself to an RBC” is still a trending social media campaign in networks with environmental grievances. The tactic involves individuals gluing or chaining themselves to a RBC location to demand the bank stop all new investment in fossil fuels, completely divest from the CGL pipeline and cease all involvement in fossil fuels by 2023.¹⁸ No violence associated to this campaign has been identified via open source messaging.

ASSESSMENT

The IMCIT assesses that, although solidarity protests across Canada have slowed, the most recent incident of escalated targeted violence is concerning and, regardless of the investigative outcome, the fact that some anarchist social media accounts and blogs have praised the direct action, indicates a level of support for activities of violence and sabotage within ideologically motivated networks. At this time, however, no further actions of a violent nature have been identified nationally.

The IMCIT is liaising with law enforcement partners to maintain visibility on events related to the CGL active protests and will provide updates as required.

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KEY POINTS

- The IMCIT assesses that anti-government and anti-authority grievances have been strengthened as a result of the Freedom Convoy 2022. Opposition to vaccine mandates continues to grow in intensity and could become a potential flash point for acts of serious violence.
- It is likely that some individuals who were not ideologically motivated prior to the Freedom Convoy 2022 will gravitate towards ideologies to which they have been exposed as a result of the misinformation circulating, specifically surrounding the perception of government overreach and police enforcement.
- The Freedom Convoy 2022 was well-attended due to the participation and support from individuals who had likely never attended previous protests or been connected with ideologically motivated individuals or groups. Though some individuals in attendance at the protest were ideologically motivated, the event also attracted individuals who were not active with ideologically motivated networks.
- Future public order events are likely to continue targeting critical transportation infrastructure, as such actions may be perceived by anti-public health demonstrators as both peaceful and effective for garnering attention to their cause.
- Though the long-term effects of the pandemic response are unknown, once restrictions are lifted, it is likely that anti-government and anti-authority ideological grievances will remain and individuals may gravitate to opposing new grievances that emerge. The IMCIT will continue to maintain visibility on all grievances spanning the traditional ideological spectrum as anti-public health order measures ease.

Regards,

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INTRODUCTION

The Freedom Convoy 2022 protest continues to disrupt daily life in Ottawa. Ottawa Police have warned protesters of enforcement for illegal activities and have laid 26 criminal charges and issued over 2600 tickets in relation to the convoy demonstrations as of February 13. On February 14, the Prime Minister (PM) invoked the *Emergencies Act* to address ongoing convoy demonstrations across multiple jurisdictions.

This Special Threat Advisory (STA) focuses on threat environment factors observed and detected in relation to convoy demonstrations.

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NATIONWIDE SOLIDARITY ACTIONS

Nationwide solidarity actions continue. Protest activities affecting Ports of Entry (POE) have occurred in the past week in Surrey (British Columbia), Coutts (Alberta), Emerson (Manitoba), and Windsor (Ontario). Protest activities also occurred near the POEs in Regway (Saskatchewan) and Niagara (Ontario), although protesters did not blockade these particular border crossings. The blockades at international borders are likely attempts at forming national solidarity with convoy protesters in Ottawa, conducted under the perception that affecting critical transportation and economic infrastructure may pressure governments to repeal public health restrictions.

In general terms, shorter-term demonstrations across the country (e.g., those which have lasted a few hours in duration) have been more peaceful in nature. The longer-term demonstrations, such as the protests in Ottawa and at the Coutts and Windsor borders, have become more adversarial and hostile over time.

Dynamic factors continue to cause concern and may be exacerbated with police enforcement.^a The convoy movement facilitates an ideologically charged environment in which individuals who hold grievances towards public health restrictions may feel this is their one chance to express their frustrations. The movement, given its widespread reach, is attracting individuals who may hold ideologically motivated violent extremist (IMVE) beliefs and may feel emboldened in their views amid the movement's perceived popularity by national and international supporters.

SYMBOLISM OBSERVED AT CONVOY DEMONSTRATIONS

While not all individuals participating in convoy protests adhere to IMVE beliefs, the presence of IMVE adherents has been observed in a few instances, raising the potential for public and/or officer safety concerns. Flags, stickers, and other iconography with ideologically-motivated symbolism have been observed at various convoy demonstrations.

SYMBOLS OBSERVED

The following section provides contextual information relating to ideologically-charged symbols which have been observed during convoy demonstrations.

DIAGOLON

DIAGOLON (adjacent to the PLAID ARMY online movement^b) is a meme-based, online satirical movement (some may refer to this as a group, more analysis by IMCIT is required) which expresses desires to form a country based on conservative political ideology across several Canadian provinces and U.S. states. Its flag, a white diagonal line across a black backdrop, symbolizes the regions in Canada and

^a Dynamic factors include: the number of people in the crowd, the ongoing circulation of misinformation, exhaustion, substance abuse, potential for altercations amongst counter-protesters and with law enforcement, and the influence of ideologically motivated actors or charismatic speakers.

^b The PLAID ARMY is an online content channel whose creator often references DIAGOLON in his podcasts. The PLAID ARMY content has been criticized over racially-charged and violent content in the past.

the U.S. where DIAGOLON adherents perceive as holding like-minded values rooted in defiance against “politically correct” culture.

Social media accounts associated to DIAGOLON¹ often espouse anti-authority and anti-government sentiments, at times in blatant terms referencing violent accelerationism, under the guise of humour.² Self-described “bigot” meetups have been promoted on DIAGOLON social media.

Several figures in the DIAGOLON movement have been observed in Ottawa. One figure had previously been arrested in January 2022 for firearms offences³ and has been observed in Ottawa, frequently posting online to warn supporters of imminent law enforcement action against the convoy demonstrations, and denouncing police enforcement of such as illegal.⁴



Figure 1. DIAGOLON flag observed at a protest. Source: <https://twitter.com/tincanfire/status/14929657670910979/photo/1>

The seizure of a cache of weapons and ammunition by RCMP “K” Division at the Coutts blockade on February 14 included a body armour vest adorned with patches of the DIAGOLON flag.⁵ (See “WEAPONS”, below.)

CANADA FIRST

CANADA FIRST is a self-described nationalist online content channel inspired by AMERICA FIRST, a network of alt-right U.S.-based personalities who have expressed ethno-nationalist sentiments.⁶ The CANADA FIRST flag depicts the letter “C” encircling a white maple leaf and a white letter “F” against a red backdrop. Baseball hats with the words CANADA FIRST in white on red fabric have also been observed at convoy protests.



Figure 2. A CANADA FIRST flag seen at a protest. Source:

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The lead content creator for CANADA FIRST has been criticized for espousing views against immigration and, like DIAGOLON, is known for making offensive and, at times, references to violence under the guise of sarcasm or humour.⁷

One supporter of CANADA FIRST, who is accused of throwing rocks at the Prime Minister during the election campaign in September 2021⁸, has been observed in Ottawa during convoy demonstrations.⁹

KINGDOM OF CANADA

A self-described “Queen” and Head-of-State of the “KINGDOM OF CANADA” has been observed in Ottawa during convoy demonstrations. This individual espouses conspiratorial-based rhetoric denouncing democratically-elected leaders and public health officials as false, and followers are responsible for a nationwide “cease and desist” lettering campaign ordering an end to all COVID-19 protocols.¹⁰



Figure 3. “KINGDOM OF CANADA” flags flown near Parliament Hill. Source: <https://www.hilltimes.com/2022/02/04/that-horn-is-designed-to-be-a-wake-up-call-a-journey-through-the-streets-of-ottawa-during-the-freedom-rally-occupation/342334>

The self-described “Queen” has made statements in the past referencing using violence to end vaccine mandates and testing.¹¹ In November of 2021, the leader was detained by RCMP and later released following alleged threats to healthcare workers.¹²

One supporter was arrested in December 2021 after threatening to bring a firearm to a school that had announced holding a vaccine clinic for children.¹³

The self-described “Queen” and her supporters have been observed in Ottawa during convoy demonstrations¹⁴ donning purple flags with a white maple leaf overlaid with a gold sword. The presence of this individual at convoy demonstrations may escalate tensions with other protesters, as “KINGDOM OF CANADA” adherents were criticized for burning the Canadian flag at Parliament Hill.

THREE PERCENTERS

In Ottawa, one truck participating in the convoy was found displaying a THREE PERCENTERS (III%) flag.¹⁵ Inspired by the American anti-government and militia movement, chapters of the Three Percenters in Canada espoused anti-immigration and anti-Islam views in the past and were listed as a terrorist entity in Canada in 2021.¹⁶



Figure 4. American III% flag on a truck in Ottawa. Source: <https://twitter.com/NewPalchMomma/status/1488541557565362183>

No other references to the THREE PERCENTERS have been noted at convoy protests in recent days, however, and the THREE PERCENTERS have not had visible presence in Canada since being listed as a terrorist entity.

OTHER SYMBOLS OBSERVED DURING THE PROTESTS

Not all protesters carrying ideologically-motivated symbols adhere to specific, identifiable groups. The following flags have been observed in the National Capital Region (NCR) during convoy demonstrations which do not necessarily correlate with alignment to any single ideological group or movement.

GADSDEN FLAG

The Gadsden flag was created by American independence-oriented colonists during the U.S. Revolutionary War. On its own, the flag does not contain references to race and is often used as a symbol for libertarianism. In recent years, the use of the flag by racially and ethno-nationalist groups have associated the flag with white supremacist movements in some contexts.¹⁷ Flags typically depict a snake on a yellow background with the caption "DON'T TREAD ON ME". Variations of the flag include a black-coloured background and a version with a Canadian goose in place of the snake.



Figure 5. Black Gadsden flag. Source:

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Figure 6. Yellow Canadian-variant Gadsden flag. Source:

<https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/canadian-cities-brace-more-anti-vaccine-mandate-protests-2022-02-05/>

CONFEDERATE FLAG

The Confederate flag was flown by Confederate states and its military during the American Civil War as a battle flag. As the Southern Confederate states were motivated to keep the institution of slavery, the modern use of the Confederate flag has been associated as idealizing rebellious spirit or rural heritage in some contexts, or as a symbol of slavery and white supremacy in other contexts.¹⁸

The Confederate flag has been observed during convoy demonstrations in Ottawa.



Figure 7. Confederate flags observed in Ottawa. Source: <https://pressprogress.ca/anti-vax-convoy-leader-says-he-welcomes-protesters-displaying-confederate-flags-in-ottawa/>

NAZI SYMBOLISM

The use of the swastika was adopted by the German Nazi party to represent its fascist regime centering on ethnic cleansing. Its modern use in Western countries is nearly universally regarded as a symbol of hate. The image to the right depicts its use during a convoy demonstration in Ottawa.



Figure 8. Swastika observed in Ottawa. Source: <https://twitter.com/jaybaltz/status/1487520707445764112>



Figure 9. SS Bolts observed in Ottawa. Source: <https://theconversation.com/freedom-convoy-rolls-through-ottawa-encouraging-the-participation-of-canadas-far-right-175902>



Figure 10. Syringe swastika on Canadian flag. Source: <https://www.facebook.com/HuntersForAFreeCanada/>



Figure 11. Star of David used by a self-described unvaccinated individual. Source: https://www.reddit.com/r/ontario/comments/srnh62/im_ashamed_that_this_is_coming_out_of_my_country/

The movement, given its perceived support by national and international supporters, may be emboldening certain individuals to visibility express their ideologically motivated beliefs.

CONVOY FINANCING

Convoy financial support has likely strengthened demonstrators resolve, despite recent developments with fundraising sites.

Media reporting on Monday and Tuesday indicated that the crowdfunding website GiveSendGo, which hosted a Freedom Convoy financing effort, was the subject of a cyber attack in which the donors' personal information was obtained and subsequently leaked¹⁹. The released data accounts for 92,844 donations for the period of 2-10 February, totalling \$8,421,806²⁰.

Through the media's analysis of names, postal codes and email addresses associated with each donation, open source reporting identified 51,666 donators as originating from the U.S. (56% of the total), while 36,202 were from Canada (39%)²¹. Canadians donated more money, however, accounting for over 50% of donations, or \$4.3 million. American donators collectively gave \$3.6 million dollars, or 43% of the collected sum²². Other donations came from jurisdictions such as the United Kingdom, Australia, and Ireland²³.

The majority of donations were for amounts lower than \$100 (81,402 donations, or 88% overall), however donations over \$100 account for more than half of the funds collected, while the top 1% of donors contributed over 20% of the total funds²⁴. The largest donation was \$215,000 USD, but was anonymous in nature and could not be traced to a specific country. The second largest donation was of \$90,000 USD and is associated with an American billionaire who owns an artificial intelligence company²⁵. A Canadian businessman from New Brunswick was responsible for a \$75,000 donation²⁶. Some email addresses in the list of donations are associated with employees of several U.S. government agencies, including the Department of Justice, NASA, the military, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and the Transport Security Administration²⁷.

Media reports indicate that 1500 comments associated with the donations directly named Prime Minister Justin TRUDEAU, but do not specify whether any could be construed as threats²⁸. While most of the comments that accompanied the donations were innocuous, some referred to Donald TRUMP or the QAnon conspiracy, while others were violent or threatening²⁹ (e.g.,: "I look forward to the day you tyrants are swinging from a noose"; "Cabal piglets are corrupt criminals who need severe punishment under law"; "Death to all liberal traitors" as examples³⁰.)

The government on Monday announced measures under the *Emergencies Act* that would apply to crowdfunding sites like GiveSendGo³¹. Under the new rules, these sites would have to register with the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre (FINTRAC) and report large and suspicious transactions. The rule would also apply to transactions using digital assets, like crypto currencies. Under the emergency rules, the government could also order financial institutions to freeze bank accounts that are linked to the protest³².

At the time of this writing, the RCMP has received three related FINTRAC disclosures which are now under investigation.

POTENTIAL USE OF WEAPONS

On February 14, RCMP "K" Division in Alberta (AB) announced a seizure of a number of firearms and ammunition from convoy vehicles at the Coutts blockade, referencing that some protesters displayed willingness to use force against police should enforcement of the blockade occur.³³ One body armour vest seized during the investigation³⁴ included patches signifying adherence to the DIAGOLON movement, which has prior histories of referencing the use of violence in order to oppose what they perceive as government overreach. The RCMP continues to investigate.



Figure 22. Body armour with DIAGOLON patches seized at the Coutts blockade. Source: <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/news/2022/alberta-rcmp-make-arrests-coutts-border-blockade>

CONVOY LOGISTICAL STATIONS

Several logistical stations have been set up by convoy supporters in the NCR to provide material support to demonstrators. Encampments have been observed to include indicators for long-term occupations such as the use of portable toilets, food supplies and preparation, and fuel stockpiles. One encampment on Bronson Avenue was dismantled by police on the weekend.³⁵



Figure 13. Encampment at Coventry Road. Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPv5FKr-OPU>

The presence of an encampment doubling as a supply station at 302 Coventry Road (above) for convoy demonstrators in the NCR has been reported in news media and open sources. Specific activities of imminent concern or threats against law enforcement have not been observed in open sources. Photos and narratives of the activities at the Coventry encampment depict it as a staging ground for the convoy with multiple tent structures, well-stocked food preparation areas, stockpiles of fuel, and regularly-serviced portable toilets.³⁵

Based on social media posts, children appear to be intermittently present at the camp, which may pose additional operational enforcement challenges.³⁷ Over the past week, counter-protesters have attempted to obstruct Coventry Road and surrounding roads to prevent convoy vehicles from moving to downtown Ottawa³⁸, which raises potential for escalating public safety concerns.

NCR convoy organizers may also be using the ARC Hotel at 140 Slater Street as a “war room”.³⁹ Another protest camp (“Commander Center 2”) was established at a private farm field in Embrun ON, approximately 30 minutes’ drive from Ottawa and is managed by a volunteer group and the “Adopt-A-Trucker” support campaign.⁴⁰ Logistical support provided by former military and law enforcement to convoy organizers and occupation-style encampments providing material support highlight an increasing level of sophistication and organization among the movement.

POTENTIAL INSIDER THREAT CONCERNS

For several months, IMCIT has been aware of several high profile websites opposing vaccine mandates and public health restrictions that appear to attract serving and former military and law enforcement individuals. As a result, narratives questioning the loyalty and authority of police have been circulating

on social media surrounding convoy demonstrations in recent days. Claims from individuals with law enforcement and military backgrounds equating vaccine mandates and related restrictions to government authoritarianism have lent perceptions of legitimacy to the overall anti-public health movement which holds similar grievances. Comments supporting convoy demonstrations from specific individuals with professional backgrounds in sensitive law enforcement and military roles are likely to generate perceptions that enforcement personnel are fragmented over vaccine mandates and may raise criticisms from convoy demonstrators over the legitimate authority of police.

Some individuals, referencing that they have former law enforcement or military experience, appear to be providing direct logistical support to convoy demonstrations and may be leveraging their formal training and tactical experience to guide the movement's next steps. The assistance of such individuals supporting the demonstrations underscores the possibility for insider threats, as it may inspire ideologically motivated individuals to recruit past or present members of law enforcement or government organizations whose skill sets could be leveraged to circumvent enforcement action.

Whether real or perceived, key convoy figures have suggested that "sources inside the police infrastructure" are providing convoy supporters with updates about law enforcement strategies. A screenshot of an internal email from the Ottawa Public Transit Service asking for work availabilities to transport Ottawa Police resources the following week was posted to Twitter on February 7, which may indicate potential information breaches occurring from within city services.

The IMCIT is also aware of daily "intelligence reports" produced by convoy organizers, uploaded to a public-accessible online shared drive. The content of such reports have, at this time, offered minimal information of value, consisting primarily of weather forecasts, publicly-available news reporting about convoy events, and general commentary in support of the convoy movement. The online shared drive where these reports are uploaded are associated to a convoy organizer who identifies as a former RCMP employee and military intelligence officer with a professional background in national security, which further underscores the capability of skilled individuals within the movement to conduct counter-intelligence in anticipation of upcoming enforcement strategies.

The IMCIT is liaising with law enforcement partners to maintain visibility on events related to the convoy events which are occurring nationally, and will provide updates as required.

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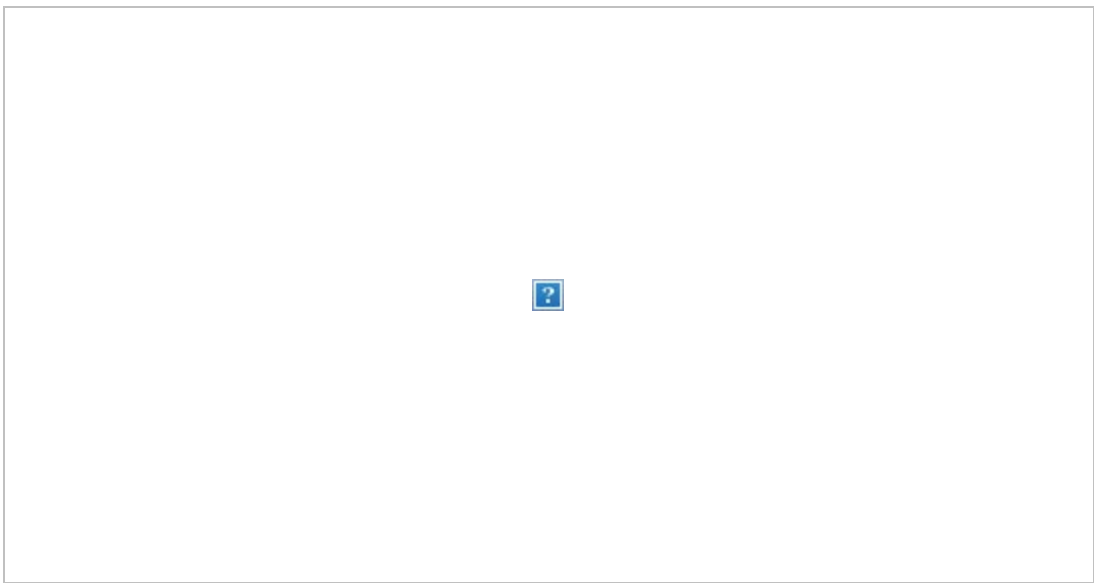
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Afternoon,

At this stage we have not identified a definitive Canadian nexus. However we have assessed it is almost certain the NZ Convoy was inspired in some way by the success of what was seen with protest activity in Canada. Vehicles in New Zealand’s protests have had messages such as “we stand with you Ottawa” written on them, and multiple Canadian flags have seen in the crowd and hoisted on the flag poles by protesters on Parliament grounds. Furthermore, the original Convoy s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED] groups in NZ initially mobilised their base using the Ottawa convoy as a foundation - the initial calls to anti-mandate groups focused on truckers allegiance.



Canadian flag flown by the protestors outside Parliament in Wellington.

While NZP have not identified any direct communication between those involved in Canadian and NZ protests, the below s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED] spaces have reference to Canada that could be deemed as possibly inspiring similar action in NZ:

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I have asked the intelligence teams in NZ to keep me updated with any Canadian nexus, so will send through more as I get it.

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Good morning s.9(2)(g)(ii)

I have received an urgent request from the office of the Assistant Commissioner of the RCMP.

FPCO is interested in establishing whether the New Zealand Police have information linking their protests with the Canadian ones, in particular, on social media platforms/chat rooms.

Any information that you can provide would be appreciated.

Thank you and best regards.

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