



## SITUATION REPORT

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FILE NAME: Project HENDON

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Event: Freedom Convoy/BearHug 2.0

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**The information in this report is current to 2022-02-21 at 1230 hours.**

*The format of this Situation Report delineates between police information and information gathered through open sources. Media and social media information has been incorporated in this report towards developing all-source intelligence in support of providing greater context, and which may identify indicators, ideologies, and attitudes that could motivate subjects of interest and influence their behaviours.*

### **DIAGOLON and MPP RANDY HILLIER**

Recent media reporting includes an image of Randy HILLIER, the MPP for Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, posing with a group of people in front of a DIAGOLON flag in a wooded landscape. The reporting indicates that HILLIER may have gone camping with DIAGOLON supporters. The reporting does not identify where or when the image was taken.

The reporting describes HILLIER as “one of the main political leaders” of the Freedom Convoy blockade and a prominent opponent of public health measures intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 throughout the pandemic.

Open source research located a second image on social media depicting the group that HILLIER was with.

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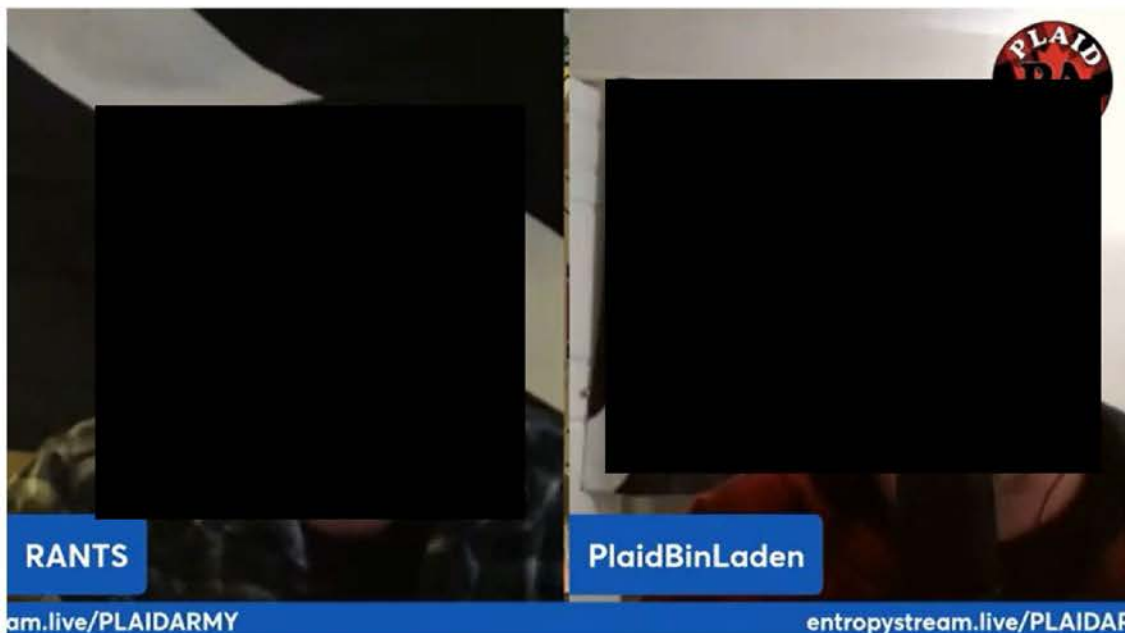
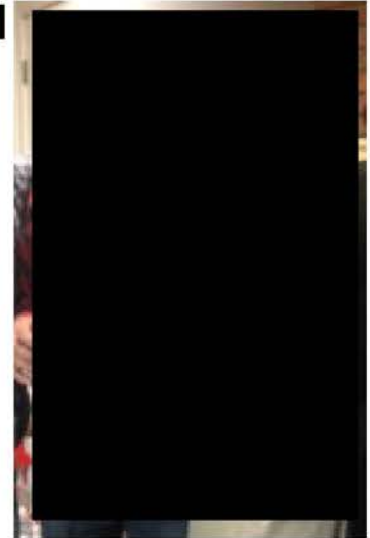
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Open source research also located an image of HILLIER posing with [REDACTED] on a Twitter page in the username "ARCCollective".

The CANADIAN ANTI-HATE NETWORK has named [REDACTED] as a leader within the DIAGOLON movement.

[REDACTED] has featured in several online videos during the course of the Ottawa blockade. In some, a DIAGOLON flag can be seen behind him. He also appeared as a guest on a livestream by "RANTS" (PLAID ARMY), who was previously reported commenting about wanting to see a truck drive through a wall on Parliament hill and for the blockade to be our "our own January 6 event" (*Project HENDON SITREP 023-2022 dated 2022-01-26*). The DIAGOLON flag also appears behind "RANTS".

Project HENDON knows "RANTS as Derek HARRISON (1979-01-04), who has self-identified as a member of the DIAGOLON community.



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Media reporting, citing numerous researchers studying extremism, describes DIAGOLON as a neo-fascist, militant accelerationist movement. Its goal is to foment a civil war in order to overturn the existing constitutional state order, which DIAGOLON adherents view as corrupt and illegitimate.

The CANADIAN ANTI-HATE NETWORK describes DIAGOLON a conspiracy-based network of accelerationists that is increasingly developing into a militia.<sup>1</sup>

Media reporting indicates that the RCMP in Alberta have arrested 13 individuals in relation to a cache of weapons seized at the border blockade at Coutts on 2022-02-14. Among the items seized was a tactical vest with a DIAGOLON patch on each shoulder strap (*Project HENDON SITREP 044-2022 dated 2022-02-15*).

***Project HENDON previously noted a DIAGOLON influence or presence within the Freedom Convoy movement in the following Situation Reports: 021-2022 dated 2022-01-24 (PM); 023-2022 dated 2022-01-26; 037-2022 dated 2022-02-08; 040-2022 dated 2022-02-11; 044-2022 dated 2022-02-15; 045-2022 dated 2022-02-17; and 047-2022 dated 2022-02-18.***

## **OTTAWA: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS**

*Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:*

***The OPP continues to be engaged in this initiative with resources on the ground providing real-time updates and observations to the National Capital Region Command Centre – Combined Intelligence Group as events unfold.***

- Police in Ottawa continue to maintain security around the downtown core.

## **OTTAWA: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)**

*Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:*

- Open source research has identified the following:
  - An online video by THE CRACKPOT FARMER in which he describes how downtown Ottawa has been cleared of protestors and how difficult it is to enter, but that they have trucks dispersed

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<sup>1</sup> “A Holocaust Denier Is Travelling Across Canada Building Up The Country’s Newest Far-Right Militia Movement”, <https://www.antihate.ca/holocaust-denier-travelling-canada-building-up-far-right-militia-diagolon-alex-vriend> (accessed 2022-02-21)

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- and can come back when the opportunity presents itself. He states that they have “started the fire” across the country and that the line is no longer physical, but mental. He states that they had come together as a country and exposed the corruption in the government, and that when he gets home, he will likely attend local protests.
- Online social media messaging on the Twitter page for Randy HILLIER directing people to keep calling the emergency phone lines in Ottawa, because “expressing yourself in a democracy is a fundamental freedom”.
  - Social media messaging under the username “Colin Bigbear Ross” that states that a camp is being set up just outside Ottawa and that “this is far from over”.
  - A Tweet shared on the Twitter page in the name of Randy HILLIER that purports to identify an Ottawa Police Service officer arresting a protestor.

## **TORONTO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS**

- The Toronto Police Service (TPS) continues to monitor for future protests.

## **TORONTO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)**

- The Hamilton Police Service has advised that a slow-roll “freedom convoy” convoy of 15-20 vehicles departed today at approximately 1100 hours en route to Toronto.

## **AMBASSADOR BRIDGE:**

- Nothing new to report.

## **BLUE WATER BRIDGE:**

- Nothing new to report.

## **PEACE BRIDGE:**

- Nothing new to report.

## **INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE (CORNWALL):**

- Nothing new to report.

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### **LANSDOWNE BRIDGE:**

- Nothing new to report.

### **NORTHWEST REGION:**

- OPP reporting has identified a potential blockade at the Nipigon River Bridge scheduled for 2022-02-26.

### **ONTARIO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS**

- OPP reporting indicates that the vehicles at HERB'S TRAVEL PLAZA in Vankleek Hill have moved to a nearby private property in the area of Hawkesbury Detachment.
- OPP reporting indicates that a protest in support of those arrested in Ottawa planned in Hawkesbury for 2022-02-21 is being rescheduled.

### **ONTARIO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)**

- Open source research has identified online messaging for a slow roll in Kingston meeting today at 1300 hours at the Highway 38/Gardiner Road carpool.
- Open source research has identified social media messaging regarding a convoy in Niagara. It is unclear whether the discussion refers to a convoy yesterday evening or tonight. One comment asks how it is being organized without the police finding out.
- An online video featuring [REDACTED], a Road Captain for the Freedom Convoy, in which he says whether or not the invocation of the Emergencies Act is upheld in Parliament, "other actions will take place afterwards". He also states that regardless of the outcome of the vote on the Act, it is all part of a bigger plan. He says that dark days are here, and he and others will be "going dark" for a few days.
- Open source research has identified social media messaging in the name of [REDACTED] listing the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the tow companies allegedly used to tow vehicles from the site of the Ottawa blockade. The user requests readers to share the list everywhere. A list of towing companies helping to clear the blockade was previously shared on social media in the name of THE REAL [REDACTED] (Project HENDON SITREP 047-2022 dated 2022-02-18).

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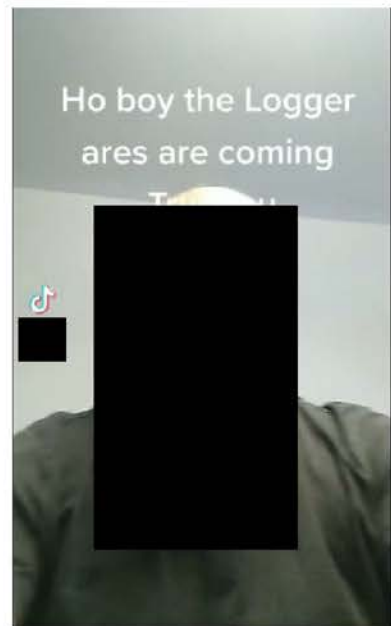
**OTHER**

- Open source research identified an online video posted to RUMBLE under the username “johnsmith997531” on 2022-02-19. In the video, a male encourages truck drivers to park their rigs and for American drivers to stop carrying goods to Canada. He also calls for all Canadians to refuse to go to work until all mandates are lifted. He calls for this to occur beginning 2022-02-21.



- Open source research has identified a video posted to a Facebook page with the username “██████████.52” in which a male addresses Prime Minister TRUDEAU and states that the break-up time for loggers comes in March and that the Prime Minister will have real problems when the loggers “come out there”. He further states that the loggers are getting organized and are coming to support all Canadians “there”. We infer that this refers to loggers coming to Ottawa.

Attempts to locate the original video on line yielded negative results: it is possible that it may have been deleted. It is unknown when the video was filmed.



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- Open source research identified social media messaging in the name of “REALCHRISSKY” calling for a nation-wide “Freedom Chain” across the Trans-Canada Highway on 2022-03-05. “Chris SKY” is a pseudonym for [REDACTED] an online influencer and organizer who has figured prominently as an opponent of public health measures intended to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. He has publicly called for “united non-compliance” with regard to COVID-19-related public health requirements.



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## ASSESSMENT

**All of the available information indicates that “freedom convoy” protests will continue for the foreseeable future.**

Some participants in the Ottawa blockade have clearly stated their intent to continue engaging in ongoing protests. For some, the goal extends beyond COVID-19 vaccine requirements to compelling the current federal government to step down. Others appear to espouse a broader anti-government and anti-authority ideology.

The organizers and protestors of the Ottawa blockade have demonstrated their capability to conduct a highly disruptive protest and to inspire other similar protests elsewhere.

Ongoing local protests, convoys, civil disobedience, and, possibly, acts of mischief may be expected against government facilities and elected officials at all levels; law enforcement; and any individual or entity, such as towing companies, that have opposed the blockade or assisted law enforcement to end it.

It is highly likely that critical infrastructure, such as major highways and roadways, border crossings, bridges, airports and railways may be targets for disruption. Simultaneous or sequential protests may be organized with little or no warning in different locations to keep law enforcement reactive, and to strain law enforcement resources.

Extremist elements, such as DIAGOLON, appear to have leveraged the freedom movement to advance their own purpose. The presence of the US Confederate flag and the Nazi swastika at the blockade during the weekend of 2022-01-29/30, and the weapons seizure at Coutts, Alberta, tend to support this inference.

Support from public figures continues to validate the convictions of some protestors. Randy HILLIER’s relationship with DIAGOLON members or supporters appears to be one of familiarity and friendship, and suggests that he may share DIAGOLON’s ideology. His repeated social media messaging throughout the course of the blockade has included inflammatory rhetoric that indicates support for the protestors and disregard for Canadian democratic institutions and processes. His framing of the invocation of the Emergencies Act as The War Measures Act and implying that the Prime Minister was going to call out the military is one example of this messaging (*Project HENDON SIT REP 044-2022 dated 2022-02-15*). The sharing on his social media of leaked police text messages and the purported identity of the Ottawa police officer, as well as his call for people to flood police emergency lines with complaints about the enforcement actions at the Ottawa blockade underline a disregard for law enforcement, a willingness to expose individual police officers to potential harm, and a willingness to place public safety at risk.

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**Appendix: Anticipated Events**

<b>OTTAWA</b>			
<b>CURRENT SITUATION - OTTAWA</b>			
* see HENDON report			
<b>ANTICIPATED EVENTS - OTTAWA</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>

<b>TORONTO - QUEEN'S PARK</b>			
<b>CURRENT SITUATION - TORONTO</b>			
* see HENDON report			
<b>ANTICIPATED EVENTS - TORONTO</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
21-Feb-22	1200 hrs	Convoy for Freedom Toronto	Meet in the North Park at 1200 hrs March to begin at 1400 hrs Route: Avenue – Bloor – Yonge – Queen – Spadina – College – Queen’s Park Cres E This group intends on doing this everyday going forward.

<b>WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE</b>			
<b>CURRENT SITUATION - WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE</b>			
* see HENDON report			
<b>ANTICIPATED EVENTS - WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
26-Feb-22	1530 hrs	Bake Sale for the Freedom Fighter Defence	• 4810 Wyandotte St E, Windsor

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**OTHER AREAS / EVENTS**

**OTHER EVENTS - MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2022**

TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
Week of 21 Feb 2022	Canada	FREEDOM WEEK	Week of 21 Feb 2022 Organizers associated to the Ottawa truck convoy are encouraging individuals to participate in a week of civil disobedience
1200 hrs	Perth County & Wellington County	WE STAND WITH OUR TRUCKERS CONVOY 2022 Perth-Wellington Freedom	Start: Atwood Community Centre Departing 1200 hrs – Slow Roll Route: Atwood Community Centre – Listowel – Gowanstown – Palmerston – Teviotdale – Rothsay & Drayton – Driscoll Farms at 7153 Side Road 12 Approx. end time: 1430 hrs at Driscoll Farms
1200 hrs	Tillsonburg	Tillsonburg Slow Roll	Start: 400 Simcoe St, Tillsonburg Meet at 1200 hrs, departure at 1300 hrs Route includes: Tillsonburg, Ingersoll, Woodstock, Norwich
1300 hrs	Kingston	Proud to be Canadian / Ashamed of my Government	Kingston Family Day Slow Roll Location: Hwy 38 & Gardiners Rd carpool lot Meet 1300 hrs / Depart 1330 hrs

**OTHER EVENTS - TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2022**

TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
U/K	Canadian Embassy GM Building Detroit, Michigan, USA	US-CAN freedom alliance PART 2	Potential protest at Canadian Embassy in Detroit, MI. Unknown #'s attending.

**OTHER EVENTS - FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2022**

TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
U/K	Hawkesbury / L'Orignal	Support Protest for those arrested in Ottawa	<b>*rescheduled from 21 Feb 22*</b> Support protest in Hawkesbury for those arrested in Ottawa. Group will join the planned protest at the CSDCEO school board in L'Orignal

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<b>OTHER EVENTS - SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2022</b>			
<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
1000 hrs	Peterborough	Ontario Protests and Freedom to Assemble	Peterborough Slow Roll Meeting at Metro parking lot at 1154 Chemong Rd, Peterborough
U/K	Nipigon	Nipigon Bridge POE	Protest was scheduled for 13 Feb 2022 has been rescheduled for 26 Feb 2022

<b>OTHER EVENTS - EARLY/MID-MARCH 2022</b>			
<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Various	Washington DC, USA	Several convoys to Washington DC, USA	Several trucker convoys are expected to converge on Washington DC in early to mid-March. Disruptions to traffic expected on major roadways beginning 23 Feb 2022. Major disruptions anticipated in the Washington DC area from 05-07 March 22. May impact the Canadian Diplomatic Mission located at 501 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC.

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