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INTELLIGENCE/INFORMATION REPORT

Take Canada Back/Holding Hand Across the Land for Democracy

Confederation Park and Parliament Hill, September 17, 2012

0600hrs-2330hrs



Report Date 12/09/14

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The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees certain rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedoms of opinion, expression and peaceful assembly.

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The Criminal Code of Canada contains various provisions that limit individuals' rights. Relevant Criminal Code sections include:

Sec. 423(1)(g) blocking or obstructing a highway, Sec. 175 causing a disturbance, Sec. 180 common nuisance, Sec. 248 interfering with transportation facilities, Sec. 430 mischief, Sec. 178 offensive volatile substance, Sec. 32, 33, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69 riots, Sec. 31 breach of peace and Sec. 63 unlawful assembly.

BACKGROUND

The first mention of this rally seems to have been made by the "On to Ottawa :: S.O.S. group", which comprises several individuals of the Occupy movement. This group left B.C. in the spring, and is currently making its way to Ottawa by foot.

On to Ottawa :: S.O.S. walk is inspired by the 1935 labour march on Ottawa that brought down the Conservative government of RB Bennett, as well as, the millions of people who have been taking a stand against government and systems in the recent and current uprisings, movements, and revolutions around the world.

These walk and bike groups will converge in Ottawa the weekend before Parliament reconvenes on September 17, with an arrival/meet date scheduled for September 15, 2012 in Ottawa. The group then plans on attending Parliament Hill for a rally against inequalities, injustices, and to bring people's perspective back into power (www.sos2ottawa.wordpress.com).

Coincidentally, September 17, also known as S17, is the next major day of action in the Occupy calendar. There will be major events planned in New York City and several other cities across America, on the preceding weekend and during the week, such as Black Monday and International Action Against Genetic Biohazards/Monsanto.

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EVENT DETAILS

During the months of July, August and September 2012, several other groups adhering to the same ideologies have emerged in support of the On to Ottawa :: S.O.S. group, bringing to the table their own adjurations. As a result, a large scale rally nationwide, which is now known as "Holding Hands Across the Land for Democracy" or "Take Canada Back", is now taking place.

One major event is being organized on Parliament Hill in Ottawa and several other solidarity events will be taking place conjointly throughout Canada. A call out for this rally has been posted on several activist and non-activist group websites, as well as twitter and Facebook pages.

Although this will be an amalgamation of multiple entities and/or ideologies, the common denominator and focus of this rally appears to be their dissatisfaction with Prime Minister Harper and the Conservative Government. On to Ottawa: SOS posts on their Facebook page that Occupy Toronto is organizing the actual rally and will be renting speakers, training legal observers, bringing marshals and medics. There is mention that if sufficient people bring tents, the option to occupy exists, however no location has been identified.

ENDORSERS/NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Listed below are some of the groups that have either shown interest or are taking part in this rally:

- On to Ottawa:: S.O.S.
- Occupy Canada
- Occupy Ottawa
- Occupy Calgary
- Occupy Winnipeg
- Occupy Vancouver
- Calgary Social Change
- Mountain Hippy - biking to Ottawa Nelson BC to Ottawa
- March_4_Justice
- Global Revolution 2012 - Day of Global Protest
- Lead now
- Robofraud Canada, etc.
- PSAC

Social media indicates that there are 1023 people have said they will be going with another and 620 indicating that they may attend. However the individuals confirming their attendance may have confirmed on more than one site, thus exaggerating the attendance numbers.

At least one bus from Toronto is being utilized to bring supporters to Ottawa. There have been no indications of buses being organized from other cities.

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SCHEDULE

As per open source the schedule for the event seems to be as follow:

1245	Meet at Confederation Park
1305	March to Parliament Hill
1320 - 1400	Rally with speakers
1400 - 1520	Peoples Parliament meeting
1530	Back on the bus for Occupy Toronto

Although the schedule indicates mustering and departure times it should be noted that open source has identified a time line from 0600hrs – 2330hrs

THREAT/VIOLENCE

There is presently no information indicating that this protest/rally will be violent in nature. Minor disobedience and traffic disruptions can be expected. There is no known threat to public safety and violent encounters are not expected.

Although it appears to be a peaceful protest, the opportunity for “lone wolf” activists to join in with the group exists, which has the potential to escalate the demeanor of the crowd.

As it has been done in the past with large scale demonstration in Ottawa, it is essential that the police utilize a measured response to any protestor actions. Any perceived excessive use of force against protestors has the potential to escalate the situation and change the crowd dynamics from peaceful to violent.

No threat assessment has been completed for this event by NSTAS.

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Occupied Ottawa

May 12, 2012 (1500hrs)



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As an acknowledgment that Ottawa sits on unceded Algonquin Territory and that Turtle Island (AKA North America) is colonized land, the general Assembly of Ottawa/Outaouais has officially changed the name of this branch of the movement from "Occupy Ottawa" to "Occupied Ottawa".

The Occupied Ottawa maintains that they are a peaceful, leaderless democratic protest movement. Referring to its inspiration and association to the Arab Spring, Occupy Walls Street and Global Occupy movements the group has developed the slogan "Home of the global revolution in Ottawa".

Although the movement is a global, we are seeing different trends arising in different communities. Occupy Toronto hosted an Activist training weekend (April 20th) and as recently as April 30, 2012, five self proclaimed anarchists attempted to detonate eight packs of plastic explosives strapped to a concrete abutment of a much traveled bridge. The five men were identified as members of a radical fringe of the Occupy Cleveland group.

There is currently no intelligence available indicating that members from other occupy movement groups plan on attending on May 12, 2012. It is the belief that the re-occupy movement scheduled for Ottawa will consist of mainly local protesters.

Open source and social media has been monitored. The totality of person's who have indicated that they will be attending is in the neighbourhood of 100.

General Assembly meetings are held every Wednesday @ 1900hrs and every Sunday @ 1400hrs. Meetings are held at Confederation Park. With the upcoming re-occupy movement scheduled for this upcoming Saturday (12th @ 1500hrs (the original time was 1200hrs, but due to an overlap with events was re-scheduled to 1500hrs)) they have added a few more meetings.

In an interview with CBC, organizer Hugh Goldring (NDP Parliament intern, historical researcher) indicated that the march will commence at the Human Rights Monument, leading the protesters to Confederation Park then through downtown to their next tent village location.

Mr. Goldring has tweeted for participants to bring their sleeping bags as it is time to go camping.

Location for the potential Park squat has not been disclosed. Based on the history of the group Confederation Park serves as a likely option, Major Hills Park has remains as a viable option based on the proximity to the US Embassy and that it has a fully functioning washroom. CSU members have advised that as of yesterday (12/05/08) the washrooms remained locked.

Although there has been some talk that the aboriginals may help the occupy movement with the erection of their tent village, contact has been made with the Algonquians and they have confirmed that they will not be supporting the movement, they want nothing to do with the group and do not speak on their behalf.

On May 7, the Ottawa Sun published a photograph of Mr. Morgan-Brown (accompanied by James Brummel) preparing banners for the re-occupy movement.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (WEEK PRIOR TO THE OCCUPATION)

Monday May 7th Occu-Con Meeting, @ 1930 - 2030 Umi, Cafe (610 Somerset)

Tuesday May 8th 1) Tentative Labour Meeting - location and time u/k
2) Tentative Media Meeting - location and time u/k

Wednesday May 9th Preocc intake orientation and community organizing workshop, @ 1700 - 2000, McNabb Arena (180 Percy)

Thursday May 10th 1) Pro Choice Rally, @ 1200???, Parliament Hill
2) Last Re-Occ Meeting @ 1930 - 2120, 105 Florence Street #1 (will be discussing march routes, transportation, food and other issues for the March 12 event.

Friday May 11th 1) Last General Assembly before Re-Occ @ 1800 - 2000, Confederation Park
2) Legal observer Training, time and location TBA, if interested to contact legal

Saturday May 12th Re-Occ, 1500hrs.

They have been advertising Free Parking for the event on the 12th. A question was raised on facebook inquiring as to whether the vehicles will be towed? The response was that "there are no cars, it's a pun, as in being in a "park" for free.

OTHER EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 12

Salvation Army Band – PH, 1115hrs – 1200hrs.

Mohammed Harkat – permit obtained for event scheduled to commence at 1200hrs - 1430hrs, between 50 – 150 persons in attendance.

No War Paix - has obtained a permit for an event commencing at 1200hrs 1400hrs @ the Human Rights Monument, number of participants not indicated on the permit.

Mahammad Mahjoub's speaking tour stops in Ottawa on May 12th. The rally will be held at the Human Rights Monument commencing at 1300hrs. Mr. Mahjoub has been detained without charge under a security certificate since his arrival from Egypt 12 yrs ago. At 1430hrs a panel will be held in the Auditorium, Ottawa Public Library 120 Metcalfe Street. (Sponsored by Amnesty International and No war Paix.

Iranian Democratic Association – has a permit, will be holding their weekly rally at the US Embassy.

Level 5 visit - Is currently scheduled to arrive in Ottawa at 1750hrs. He will be staying at the Chateau Laurier.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

"Idle No More"

Victoria Island – Parliament Hill

Friday, December 21, 2012



Report Date 2012/12/17

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Background

The movement, under the banner "Idle No More" emerged from a grassroots movement that appeared less than five weeks ago in Saskatchewan. It began as an effort to educate First Nations people on the multitude of legislation being put forward by the Harper government that they feel is a direct attack on the rights of First Nations.

The organizers began by organizing "teach-ins" to inform people of impending changes that would impact First Nations people across Canada.

Since early December we have seen an influx of events being organized in support of "Idle No More" across the country. On Dec. 2, an "Idle No More" session was called in Alberta, where more than 150 people drove into Louis Bull First Nation on a Sunday to hear the presenters speak. The organizer for that event took to Twitter and Facebook to help generate awareness on the matter as the passage of Bill C-45 was imminent.

Opposition by First Nations to Bill C-45 garnered national attention when 300 First Nations Chiefs marched on Parliament Hill, and several Chiefs, attempted to enter Parliament to deliver a message to the government. This refusal to allow First Nations leadership to respectfully enter the House of Commons triggered an even greater mobilization of First Nation people across the country. (Dec 4, 2012)

Under what was called a "National Day of Action and Solidarity", First Nations and their supporters organized more than 13 nationwide rallies on Monday, December 10th, to express opposition to the legislation that the Harper Government has put forward in Bill C-45 and other bills. Nationwide, supporters came out in the thousands to support their cause. All events appeared to be peaceful; no reports of violence were located.

Chief Theresa Spense commenced a hunger strike in support of "Idle No More" on December 11, @ 0900hrs. Chief Spense is planning on spending her days on Parliament Hill and returning to Victoria Island for the evening. Three members of the Occupied Ottawa group attended to the media release held on the 10th. No issues have been noted.

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Bills in Question

The following bills are what are believed to be in direct violation of Article 18, 19 & 20 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Bill C-45 Job and Growth Act (Omnibus bill includes Indian Act amendments regarding voting on-reserve, land surrender/designations)

Bill C-27 First Nations Financial Transparency Act

Bill S-2 Family Homes on Reserve and Matrimonial Interests or Right Act

Bill S-6 First Nations Elections Act

Bill S-8 Safe Drinking Water for First Nations

Bill C-428 Indian Act Amendment and Replacement Act This list is a list of Senate Public Bills:

Bill S-207 An Act to amend the Interpretation Act

Bill S-212 First Nations Self-Government Recognition Bill and the "First Nations" Private Ownership Act

Article

18

Indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights, through representatives chosen by themselves in accordance with their own procedures, as well as to maintain and develop their own indigenous decision-making institutions.

Article

19

States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them.

Article

20

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and develop their political, economic and social systems or institutions, to be secure in the enjoyment of their own means of subsistence and development, and to engage freely in all their traditional and other economic activities.

2. Indigenous peoples deprived of their means of subsistence and development is entitled to just and fair redress.

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Intelligence

- Information available at this time is largely based on open source information.
 - The Council of Canadians is in support of the events and is encouraging Council of Canadian activists to participate in these actions. (Council of Canadians: work to protect Canadian independence by promoting progressive policies on fair trade, clean water, energy security, public health care and other issues of social and economic concern to Canadians).
 - Organizers are primarily using social media (facebook) to educate, recruit, mobilize and organize supporters.
 - There are numerous events scheduled throughout the month of December in various locations across the country (www.idlenomore.com).
 - There have been numerous web pages located regarding events scheduled for **December 21, 2012.** (Ottawa, Edmonton, North Battleford, Winnipeg and Lethbridge).
 - Although there has been mention of many different demonstrations, specific details were only located for the events in **Edmonton and Ottawa.**
 - **At this time, December 21st** appears to be the only day of action identified for the Ottawa Region.
- A. **Ottawa (ON):** Participants are to gather at Victoria Island at 1200hrs for a traditional ceremony. **A march to Parliament Hill will follow, speeches, presentations and entertainers will be heard.** A feast will commence at 1700hrs at a venue that has yet to be determined.

Participants: 1467 going, with an additional 596 who may be attending.

- B. **Edmonton (AB):** Organizers are still in the planning stages for the event.

Participants: 2218 going, with an additional 575 who may be attending.

- **"Idle No More" is requesting that the events be a peaceful demonstration of solidarity.**

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Conclusion/ tactical consideration

1. Frustration levels of Aboriginal Chiefs and community members appear to have reached an all time high. The frustration is with all levels of Government for not consulting with the Chiefs and/or Community members on issues of major concerns which impact on our First Nations Communities.
2. That being said, thus far events supporting the **"Idle No More" cause have been peaceful with no reports of violence located.**
3. It is not unusual for groups to organize themselves at the very last minute. It is anticipated that further information regarding estimated number of participants and logistical details will become available over the next few days.
4. **Participants from outside of the NCR should be expected.** However, with events being held in other parts of the country, the number of participants in Ottawa could be reduced.

The Protective Investigative Unit will continue to monitor open source and will provide updates accordingly.

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Background

On Tuesday November 20, 2012, the M23 rebels took over the North Kivu Province capital of Goma, and caused widespread fears of an all-out war. The rebels launched a military campaign against the Congolese government in April 2012, after they accused it of breaching the terms of a March 23, 2009 peace deal that had seen them absorbed in the national army. In the past week, the rebels have been relentless, storming through town after town in and around Goma. They have controlled this area without challenge since seizing it from Congo's military on Tuesday. The intent of the M23 rebels appears to be to overthrow the government and set up a more equitable, decentralized political system.

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is the world's third largest producer of tantalum, a rare metal used in the nuclear power industry, mobile phones, computers, digital camera and other high-tech products. The DRC has vast and largely untapped reserves of oil, gold, diamonds, copper, uranium, cobalt and other minerals. The M23 rebels seized Goma, the main city in the country's mineral-rich east. The M23 rebels are widely believed to be covertly supported by Rwanda and Uganda, which have a long history of interfering in Congo. Those two countries have been struggling to gain access to Congo's mineral wealth.

Despite intense international pressure to find a solution, both sides, the Kabila government and the M23 rebels remain far apart.

Information/Intelligence

During the past several years the Ottawa Congolese community has carried out several protests in Ottawa. Most of those protests were done peacefully. However two of them in December 2011 turned violent. Opposing the re-election of Congolese president Joseph Kabila, the mass violence and election rigging, there were protest on December 6 and 16, 2011. During the first demonstration, property damages and physical confrontation with the police occurred. Some protesters threw objects, including rocks at police officers. During the second protest on December 16, 2011, although most of it was peaceful, there was still a brief clash between protesters and police.

The Association congolaise du Canada sent a communiqué to the Association congolaise of Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa urging the Congolese community to rally in Ottawa on November 30, 2012. The march is called "Marche de Colère" which means March of Anger. The purpose of this march is to protest against the invasion of the eastern DRC by Rwanda and the lack of intervention by countries such as Canada, the United States and Great Britain. The marchers will meet on Parliament Hill at approximately 1100 hrs to drop a memo, at 1230 hrs they will head to the embassy of Rwanda for an hour and a half sit-in, at 1400 hrs they will head to the United

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States embassy for an hour sit-in and at 1530hrs the marchers will head to the embassy of the DRC for an hour and a half sit-in.

The Ottawa organizer of this event, Mr. Guy Sango, has indicated that attendees will be mostly from Ottawa. He anticipates 200 to 400 participants. However further inquiries have indicated that groups from Montreal and Toronto are planning on attending the march in Ottawa. The organizers of both groups are in the midst of making transportation arrangements with bus companies for this trip. As the organizers are still in the preparation stages at this time, it is not confirmed that there will be enough individuals attending to warrant the use of buses.

The Montreal Congolese community rallied in Montreal on November 24, 2012 to protest the events happening in the DRC. Approximately 150 protestors were present for the protest. No incidents occurred, it was a peaceful protest.

Assessment and Analysis

No Facebook event page for this march has been found. However posters have been posted on personal Facebook pages such as the page of the President of Communauté congolaise de Montréal (COCOM) Jean Marie Mousenga.

When estimating the number of attendees to such events in the past, organizers have often greatly over estimated them. This does not mean that there will not be a large amount of people in attendance at the march. There is no information to suggest any violence, however, the volatility of the events that are unfolding in the DRC, could result in unpredictable behavior.

The president of the Toronto Congolese association stated that there are protesting the violence in the DRC therefore they do not intend on being violent unless provoked.

Conclusion/Consideration

Protective Investigative Unit will continue to monitor incoming intelligence/information concerning Congolese interests. We will continue to liaise with our intelligence partners and should any of the above information change we will advise.

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Background

The Israeli operation, which the military calls "Operation Pillar of Defense", came after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned this week of pending retaliation by Israel for increased rocket attacks from Gaza.

Israel launched a series of airstrikes on Wednesday November 14, 2012, killing Ahmed Jabari, the top leader of the armed wing of Hamas and at least eight others. Palestinian leaders immediately condemned the attacks. The killing of this leader was Israel's highest profile assassination since the killing of Hezbollah's senior military chief Imad Mughniyeh in a car bombing in Damascus in 2008.

Ahmed Jabari presided over Hamas' shift away from suicide bombings to increasingly deadly rocket attacks that reached deeper into Israel. It is presumed that Ahmed Jabari was the mastermind behind the abduction of Israeli soldier Gilat Shalit (a soldier with the Israeli Defense Forces) in 2006. Gilat Shalit was held in captivity until his release on October 18th, 2011 as part of a prisoner exchange deal. The operation has been deemed one of Hamas' most successful.

Intelligence/Information

The Ottawa Peace Assembly organized an emergency demonstration in solidarity with Gaza on Thursday, November 15, 2012; with a second protest scheduled for noon on Friday, November 16, 2012. The events took place in front of the Israeli Embassy located at 50 O'Connor Street, Ottawa, Ontario. Endorsers of the event include: the Association of Palestine Arab Canadians, Justice for Abla, and Students against Israeli Apartheid-Carleton.

Approximately 35 people attended to the demonstration held on November 15, with the number of participant reaching a maximum of 120 on Friday (as of 1420hrs). Friday's event began at 50 O'Connor Street, turning into a march, leading demonstrators through the downtown core, reaching Parliament Hill. Both events were peaceful with no reports of violence.

Coinciding demonstrations were held in Toronto (15th) and in Montreal (on the 14th). In Toronto approximately 300 people were present at the Israel Consulate located at 180 Bloor St. West. No incidents of violence were reported.

RCMP liaison section in Montreal advised that protestors attended Concordia University on the evening of November 14 to voice their concerns. Less than 100 people attended to the peaceful event. A second event was scheduled at Concordia University, November 15 at 1700hrs, 200 persons were in attendance. A small group later broke off and walked to the Israeli Consulate, all remained peaceful.

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It has been confirmed that a pro-Israel group of approximately 75 demonstrators gathered today at 1115hrs – 1300hrs near the Israeli Consulate in Westmount Square (Montreal) in support of Israel. The demonstration was peaceful.

SPVM have confirmed that the anti-Israel group will be holding demonstrations tonight (Nov 16th @1800, Israeli Consulate) with other events planned throughout the weekend.

Assessment and Analysis

A Facebook event page was dedicated to both protests in Ottawa. Total number of people who indicated their attendance was in excess of 560. As you can see by the above noted information the attendance numbers were far below expected.

These events were organized locally. With protests being held in Toronto and Montreal, it is quite possible that activists are occupied with protests within their home cities. There is no information to suggest that groups from outside the National Capital Region plan on heading towards Ottawa.

While there is information stating that groups will be protesting, there is no information that suggests they will be violent. However, the volatility of the events that are unfolding in the Middle East, could result in unpredictable behavior.

Considering that pro-Israel groups have recently rallied in Montreal there is the possibility that they will appear in other major centres, subsequently creating the opportunity for an encounter between the two opposing groups.

As demonstrations continue in Montreal, there is the possibility that additional protests may take place in Ottawa.

Conclusion

Protective Investigative Unit will continue to monitor incoming intelligence/information concerning Israeli interests. We will continue to liaise with our intelligence partners and should any of the above information change we will advise.