



SITUATION REPORT

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FILE NAME: Project HENDON

Report#: 021-2022

Event: Freedom Convoy/Bearhug 2.0

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INFORMATION

The information in this report is current to 2022-01-24 at 1430 hours.

- DIAGOLON (PLAID ARMY)¹ content has been posted or pinned on some social media sites promoting the Freedom Convoy. Some DIAGOLON adherents are indicating an intent to attend the event in Ottawa. We have not yet identified any comments from convoy organizers disassociating the convoy from DIAGOLON. DIAGOLON flags were also observed at a pro-convoy rally in Sudbury on 2022-01-22. Images from this protest may be found in Appendix “A” to this report.
- Reporting indicates that convoy participants have been told that the federal government is pressuring the provinces to keep weight scales open in order to slow the convoy’s progress. The source of these claims is unknown.
- Protests in support of the convoy are occurring at the local level.
- The Calgary PS has advised the OPP that the convoy consisted of 20 to 25 trucks when it left the city this morning.
- The GoFundMe account supporting the Freedom Convoy has raised \$3.4 million (2022-01-24 1408 hours).
- A separate fundraiser (“ADOPT A TRUCKER”) on the crowdfunding site “GiveSendGo.com” has raised \$22,954 (2022-01-24 1409 hours).

¹ The Canadian Anti-Hate Network describes “DIAGOLON”, also referred to as “Plaid Army” or “Bigots”, as a conspiracy-based network that is increasingly evolving into a militia comprising neo-fascists who anticipate a violent revolution in which they will seize power.



ASSESSMENT

Convoy organizers will almost certainly have minimal ability to influence the behaviour of convoy participants and protest attendees. Information received this morning indicates that the slow-roll protest in Windsor again blocked all three lanes of the road. At least one driver who was causing the blockage refused to free the lane when asked by the local organizer.

The range of anti-authority movements supporting the convoy, the presence of DIAGONAL insignia on pro-convoy social media sites and at the Sudbury protest, and the potential attendance of supporters from THE LINE at the protest in Ottawa validate previous assessments that noted the use of the Freedom Convoy by actors who may be willing to engage in acts of public disorder and, possibly, violence.

TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Updated information is in green font.

- Part of the convoy is scheduled to arrive in Ottawa on 2022-01-28. Based on a stated departure time of 0830 hours from Kingston, this group may arrive as early as mid-morning.
- The convoy reportedly is using drones and has a documentary crew with them and provided the website “truckingforfreedom.com”. There are plans to begin live streaming the convoy on YouTube starting 2022-01-25.
- Organizers in Ottawa are referred to as the “War Room”.
- Port-a-potties, fencing, and security have been arranged for Ottawa.
- A message on the Twitter page for THE LINE CANADA is calling for a “bridge protest” in support of the Freedom Convoy for 2022-01-27 starting at 1230 hours. The comment states that the convoy is expected to traverse Durham Region at approximately 1300 hours. The post calls for supporters to attend bridges at the following locations: Albert Street and Simcoe Street (Oshawa); Thickson Street and Brock Street (Whitby); Harwood Avenue (Ajax); and Brock Road (Pickering).

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INTELLIGENCE GAPS (COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS)

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- **Participant numbers - online indicators are unreliable;**
- **Nature of activities in Ottawa by advance convoy participants (2022-01-28 - 2022-01-29);**
- **Events possibly scheduled at Parliament Hill on 2022-01-30;**
- **Extent of extremist participation in convoy protest and intent of extremist actors;**
- Potential for some participants to bring weapons or be armed;
- Nature and location of evening event in Kingston (2022-01-27);
- Date and location of delivery of port-a-potties and security fencing; location of installation of same;
- Lodging and meals in Ottawa if participants remain for a prolonged period of time;
- Plans for any further action should demands not be met;
- Plans for departing Ottawa.

EVENT SCHEDULE

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- **Local Convoys:** Local slow rolls are occurring today in Lambton-Sarnia and Windsor-Essex. **The convoy in Windsor again slowed down and blocked all lanes of the roadway. The driver of one vehicle blocking the left lane reportedly ignored the convoy organizer’s request to have him move out of the lane.**

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- **Local Convoys:** Local slow rolls are scheduled in Windsor-Essex until 2022-01-27.

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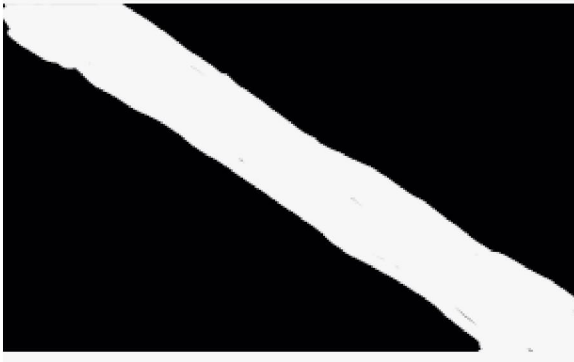
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Appendix "A" - DIAGOLON imagery



(Image from open source)



Freedom Convoy Demonstration – Sudbury, Ontario (2022-01-22)

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