

Re: Update on CAF Members Allegedly Involved in Convoy

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7-8 that we know of

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On Feb 15, 2022, at 5:01 PM, Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca> wrote:

How the fuck many soldiers are in the convoy????

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Subject: Update on CAF Members Allegedly Involved in Convoy

Hi all,

Please see this internal list of CAF members allegedly involved in the convoy so far.

List of known members connected to protests:

Name: Personal Info. [REDACTED] Personal [REDACTED]
Action: UDI
Outcome: Summary Trial – 500\$ fine
PA Activity: TBD – Latest communicated information was pre-Summary Trial

Name: Personal Info. [REDACTED] Personal [REDACTED]
Action: UDI
Outcome: – MP/CFNIS Investigation (unconfirmed)
PA Activity: TBD – Latest communicated information was UDI

Name: Personal Info. [REDACTED] Personal [REDACTED]
Action: UDI
Outcome: UDI Ongoing

Communications: TBD – Latest communicated information was UDI

Name: CANSOFCOM Mbr #1 (Ottawa)

Action: UDI

Outcome: UDI Ongoing

Communications: TBD – Latest communicated information was UDI

Name: [Personal Info.] (Ottawa)

Action: UDI

Outcome: UDI Ongoing

Communications: TBD – Latest communicated information was UDI

Name: Unnamed ADM(Mat) Member (Ottawa)

Action: TBD – UDI Likely

Outcome: TBD

Communications: Latest communicated information was that we are assessing

Name: [Personal Info.]

Action: TBD – Likely UDI

Outcome: TBD

Communications: No public reporting – Expected coverage by Radio Canada either this afternoon/evening (possibly tomorrow). Latest communicated information to the outlet was that we are assessing the matter.

The last one on [Personal Info.] is new today. The Department will send the following response to Radio Canada, and it's consistent with the other statements provided so far.

Subject : Member allegedly in protests (ADM(IM))

Outlet : Radio-Canada

Deadline : Immediate

Issue :

Outlet understands a CAF member from ADM(IM) – a [Personal Info.] – allegedly participated in the protests.

They are seeking comment

Response:

Les responsables de la personne concernée examinent actuellement la question afin de déterminer la meilleure marche à suivre.

S'il est avéré, ce comportement va à l'encontre des valeurs institutionnelles fondamentales et du code de discipline militaire des FAC, qui exigent des normes comportementales des plus élevées. Bien que les membres des FAC, comme tous les Canadiens, aient le droit d'avoir leurs propres opinions personnelles, ils sont également soumis à une réglementation relative aux commentaires publics sur les politiques de défense et du gouvernement.

Comme nous l'avons déjà dit, les dirigeants des FAC sont conscients de la question des publications sur les médias sociaux et des dénonciations selon lesquels des membres des forces armées ont fait des commentaires publics critiquant le gouvernement du Canada. L'une des caractéristiques de la démocratie canadienne est que les forces armées sont sous le contrôle de civils dûment élus. La discipline est un autre principe clé qui supporte l'efficacité de l'armée canadienne.

Ceux qui ne respectent pas ces principes font non seulement preuve d'un manque extrême de compréhension de la profession militaire, mais ils sapent le fondement même des Forces armées canadiennes. Tout membre des forces armées qui jette le discrédit sur les FAC par sa conduite ou ses performances insuffisantes, que ce soit par des actions ou des paroles, sera tenu responsable.

The individual's leadership are currently looking into the matter further to determine the best course of action.

If found to be true, this behaviour goes against the CAF's strong institutional core values and Code of Service Discipline, which demand the highest standard of behaviour. While CAF members, like all Canadians, have a right to their own personal opinions, they are also subject to regulations relating to public comment on defense and government policies.

As we have previously stated, leaders across the CAF are seized with the issue of social media posts and reports that members of the armed forces have made public comments criticizing the Government of Canada. A hallmark of Canada's democracy is a military under duly elected civilian control. Discipline is another key principle that underpins the effectiveness of Canada's military.

Those who disregard these principles not only demonstrate an extreme lack of understanding of the military profession, they undermine the very foundation the Canadian Armed Forces. Any member of the armed forces who brings discredit to the CAF through either conduct or performance deficiencies, be it through actions or words, will be held accountable.

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