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The following are some points of consideration related to the Protective Services Unit (PSU) ongoing assessment of risks and threats towards the Office of the Premier. Please consider these points for any public movements and visits, including regional, Provincial, National and International.

- Premier Davis does not enjoy any level of anonymity within the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Premier is at a higher risk of opportunity based threats and targeted threats within the Province. (Regional/Provincial)
- NL is undergoing a period of fiscal adversity and restraint. A struggling economy, whether real or perceived, creates some heightened concern for security of elected officials. Persons whom already hold a grievance towards government can feel further justified in their actions or rhetoric based on a perceived sentiment of an apparent majority. The same perception can also cause an escalation in the number of persons of interest where herd mentality becomes a factor. (Regional/Provincial).
- Radicalization of individuals: NL has not historically experienced problems with radicalized individuals or groups. It is now widely accepted however that with the surge in social media use - by both individuals and groups who target/recruit disenfranchised individuals – no region or jurisdiction is impervious to these incidents. The likelihood of an act of targeted violence being carried out by a radicalized individual in previously low risk regions is now considered heightened, and while the gap is not closed, it remains a point of consideration. (All)
  - Threat assessment for Premier Davis is increased in this area based on his current position as Premier of a Provincial Government coupled with his past career as a uniformed Police Officer. Radicalized persons and groups have called on supporters to target public figures and government representatives such as police and military officials.
- It is highly recommended any movements within NL are done so with PSU accompaniment and all secure escort measures.
- It is highly recommended that any official travel outside of the province be done so with PSU accompaniment. Visits with significant media attention or in regions that carry a higher risk assessment can be done in conjunction with local protective units.
- It is recommended that any personal travel outside of the province of NL and in regions that carry a higher risk assessment are done so with PSU accompaniment. These regions would include areas where principal anonymity is limited or where respective local security concerns are heightened for any reason. Regions where anonymity is in question include Atlantic Canada and large municipal regions such as Toronto, Ottawa, Vancouver, etc. It is important to remember that persons or groups of concern do not distinguish the purpose of Principal movements and travel. A risk assessment may be considered lower when there are no media releases/attention associated with specific visits, however, it is not nullified.

Thanks

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