

OIL BUT AT WHAT COST?: BRUSSELS'
MURKY PARTNERSHIP WITH
AZERBAIJAN



2023: THE END OF HISTORY POSTPONED





THE SECOND NAGORNO-KARABAKH WAR

- Autonomous territory in the USSR.
- First war upon independence, which Armenia won.
- War erupted again in 2020, ended with Azerbaijan's formal victory last week.
- Historic: the first recorded use of spyware in wartime.



THE ALIYEVS' AZERBAIJAN

DIGITAL AUTOCRACY FROM WITHIN

- Earliest signs from 2012.
- Spyware leveraged against journalists, dissidents, and LGBTQ+ community members.
- Prolific use of revenge porn, fake dating and escorting site profiles.



DIGITAL AUTOCRACY FROM WITHOUT

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ALERT: State-sponsored attackers may be targeting your iPhone

Apple believes you are being targeted by state-sponsored attackers who are trying to remotely compromise the iPhone associated with your Apple ID

[REDACTED]. These attackers are likely targeting you individually because of who you are or what you do. If your device is compromised by a state-sponsored attacker, they may be able to remotely access your sensitive data, communications, or even the camera

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State-sponsored attackers are very well-funded and sophisticated, and their attacks evolve over time. Researchers and journalists have publicly documented such attacks against popular cloud services, including iMessage as well as Facebook Messenger, Gmail, Signal, and WhatsApp. Some state-sponsored attacks need no interaction from you, and others rely on tricking you into clicking a malicious link or opening an attachment in an email, SMS, or other message. These attempts can be quite convincing, ranging from fake



WHY?

A photograph of two men in suits shaking hands. The man on the left has a mustache and is wearing a dark suit. The man on the right is Vladimir Putin, wearing a dark blue suit and a patterned tie. They are standing in front of a dark wood-paneled wall. To the left is a flag with blue, red, and green sections. To the right is the Russian flag with white, blue, and red sections. A semi-transparent grey box with a thin black border is centered over the image, containing the text "WHAT ABOUT RUSSIA?".

WHAT ABOUT RUSSIA?

WHAT'S NEXT?