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Un-notorious BIG

A digital information
manipulation campaign targeting
French overseas departments,
regions, territories and Corsica.



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SUMMARY

From July 2023 to October 2024, VIGINUM analysed the digital activity of an organization located in Azerbaijan and called the Baku Initiative Group (BIG),¹ as well as a cluster² of X accounts associated with it. Disseminating content **with an editorial line that is resolutely hostile to France**, these actors **deliberately seek to use the political and economic situation** in France's overseas departments and regions and overseas communities (DROM-COM) and in Corsica to their own ends as well as to exploit the history of France's presence in Africa for **malicious purposes**.

Despite repeated and gross attempts to insert itself into the French-speaking digital public debate, the **BIG was unable to attain the visibility it probably expected among the people living in DROM-COMs and Corsica**.

The digital information manipulation campaign, conducted in two phases, **(unsuccessfully) aims to attempt to undermine France's territorial integrity in overseas territories**, by **exploiting independence movements and ideas**.

In a first phase, from July 2023 to February 2024, **an initial cluster of accounts with inauthentic behaviour attempted to amplify**, on at least five occasions, the visibility of BIG's public statements and conferences. Then, at the start of the riots in New Caledonia on May 15th and 16th 2024, most of these accounts directly participated in the information campaign disseminating blatantly inaccurate or misleading content – video or photo montages – accusing law enforcement forces of killing independence demonstrators. On the basis of the data collected on the various X accounts involved, VIGINUM confirms that these various attempts used **artificial amplification procedures**.

In the second phase, from late May to mid-October 2024, BIG's communication stance evolved by promoting the signing of memoranda with DROM-COMs independence parties, while enhancing ties with pan-African spheres. Most likely in response to X's suppression of most of its relay accounts, **BIG sought to take advantage of subscriber communities possessed by certain self-proclaimed pan-African influencers** to better promote its activities and attempt to strengthen, without any real success, the dissemination of its narratives against France.

Moreover, the analysis of accounts making up the cluster that artificially amplified BIG's narratives revealed many indicators attesting to a direct involvement of **pro-Azerbaijani actors**. In several cases, VIGINUM even was able to reach individuals close to the Azerbaijani political powers. In addition, the research conducted on the digital structures used by BIG, and more specifically on its website, made it possible to establish **a direct link with the Azerbaijani State**.

With regard to the malicious and misleading nature of its many online activities (digital interference and influence) and physical activities, the inauthentic means used to increase visibility, the established involvement of a foreign actor, and **the obvious and persistent desire to undermine the nation's fundamental interests** – in this case France's territorial integrity and the safeguarding of law and order – **BIG can be considered a state propaganda outlet working against France, whose strategy is to instrumentalize public debate in overseas France to serve the objectives of Azerbaijan's foreign policy**.

Given the Azerbaijani organization's activism to gain visibility, without success, the campaign was dubbed "Un-notorious BIG".

¹The Baku Initiative Group (BIG), which presents itself as a NGO, was founded on 6 June 2023 in Baku, at the instigation of the Azerbaijani think tank, Air Center, which was created on 6 February 2019 by a presidential degree of Ilham ALIYEV.

²A cluster is a small group of accounts that act in a coordinated manner.

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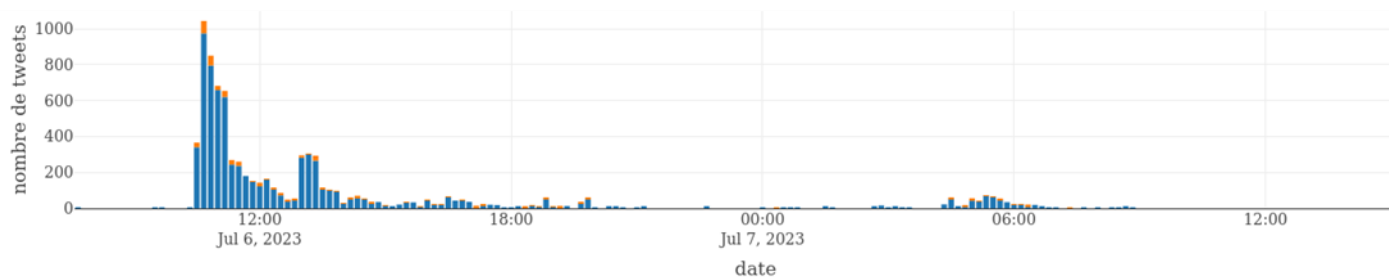
PART 1: ARTIFICIAL AMPLIFICATION OF NARRATIVES HOSTILE TO FRANCE NOTABLY TARGETING MEMBERS OF INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS

From July 2023 to February 2024, an amplification on X of BIG's narratives harming France's image in French overseas departments and regions and in Corsica.

The Baku Initiative Group (BIG) was created on July 6th 2023 in Baku to allegedly "fight against colonialism and neo-colonialism" following the "Towards Complete Elimination of Colonialism" round table, held by the Azerbaijani think tank, Air Center,³ in the margins of the ministerial meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement countries. At this meeting, the organization brought together members of various independence movements, some of which "anti-colonists", of New Caledonia, French Polynesia, French Guiana, Martinique and Corsica, as well as a representative from the "Melanesian Spearhead Group".⁴ Since autumn 2023, BIG has been led by an Azerbaijani citizen, Abbas ABBASOV.

From July 6th 2023 to February 2^d 2024, VIGINUM detected five cases of amplification of narratives targeting France, led by BIG and using similar inauthentic procedures.

The first operation in the campaign observed by VIGINUM happened right after the launch of BIG on July 6th 2023. From July 6th to 8th 2023, the combination of three hashtags, #NonAlignedMovement #France #Colonialism, were used on X in nearly 8,000 posts – 7,305 of which on July 6th alone – by 895 users. The users coordinated their action, with more than 1,000 posts within ten minutes, which is characteristic of automated behaviour. Some of the accounts used the combination of hashtags several times, for example, @sona35072550, who published 73 posts on July 6th.⁵



Number of posts sharing #NonAlignedMovement #France #Colonialism hashtags every ten minutes. The original posts are in blue and the re-posts are in orange.

The second operation was detected by VIGINUM on September 22^d 2023 after the "Decolonisation: Peaceful Revolution" conference held by BIG at the United Nations headquarters in New York. The four hashtags "#colonialism #neocolonialism #France #Macron" were posted 8,308 times by 882 users. Applying the VIGI-CMT indicator developed by VIGINUM,⁶ it had the very high score of 99%, which is a sign of artificial amplification of the dissemination of these hashtags by a cluster of accounts. With this abnormally high activity, these accounts gave a misleading and disproportionate visibility to the four aforementioned hashtags.

Moreover, 99% of these posts were illustrated with videos of the event or visuals of official statements. Lastly, 83.5% of posts included the same quote: "Baku initiative group raises issue of neocolonialism at

³ The Air Center, *Beynəlxalq münasibətlərin təhlili mərkəzi*, was created on February 6th 2019 by presidential decree of İlham ALİYEV <https://president.az/az/articles/view/31913>

⁴ The Melanesian Spearhead Group is an alliance of Melanesian countries made up of the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Fiji, Indonesia (Associate Member) and the Kanak and Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS) of New Caledonia. It was officially created in March 1988 in Port Vila by three founding members: the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu.

⁵See, for example: <https://twitter.com/sona35072550/status/1676906383210434561?s=20> ; <https://archive.ph/OJx6Y>

⁶The VIGI-CMT is an indicator that calculates the probability of a content to be manipulated by artificial amplification on X.

@un. final statement. #colonialism #neocolonialism #france #macron @emmanuelmacron”, attesting to the use of the cypasta technique.⁷

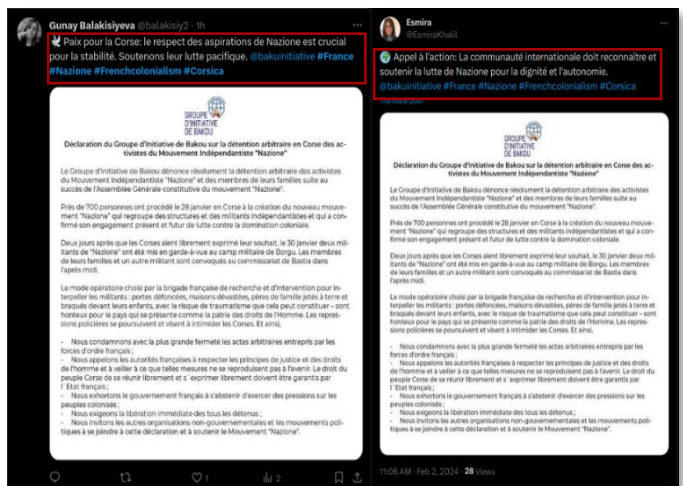
On October 20th 2023, VIGINUM detected a third operation in the campaign after BIG’s conference in Baku entitled “Neocolonialism: Violation of Human Rights and Injustice”.⁸ From 8:20 on October 20th, until October 23rd, 890 accounts produced 4,707 posts, generating a VIG-CMT score of 92%. In addition, during this same period, nearly half of them were made up of the same text: “baku initiative group @bakuinitiative international conference against #frenchcolonialism kicks off in #baku #colonialism #neocolonialism #french #injustice #france #photos”. The widespread reposting of this text reveals once again the use of the cypasta technique as part of a coordinated campaign. Lastly, 98.8% of the 2,272 posts that used the cypasta technique were accompanied by a montage of images of archives referring to France’s colonial past.



Example of an account using regularly observed visuals, as well as the replicated message.

On November 21st 2023, BIG organized a new conference in the Azerbaijani capital entitled “Decolonisation: Empowerment and Development of Women”,⁹ which brought about the fourth operation of the campaign using the same operating method as previously observed. From 11:00 on November 21st to 14:00 on November 22^d, VIGINUM detected the dissemination by 1,118 users of 6,514 posts made up of visuals accompanied by four hashtags, #Decolonization #neocolonialism #Colonialism #France, with a VIGI-CMT score of 89%.

Lastly, on February 2^d 2024, following the arrest of two activists of Corsica’s new pro-independence party, Nazione,¹⁰ VIGINUM detected a fifth operation on X consisting in the dissemination, on 1,103 accounts, between 11:00 and 16:00 on the same day, of 5,694 posts mentioning the account @bakuinitiative. These posts were accompanied by a sentence in French to denounce the arrest of the two Corsican activists, and by four hashtags, #France #Nazione #Frenchcolonialism #Corsica. The 5,694 messages are all from a core group of approximately 50 different sentences, prepared ahead of time, confirming once again the use of copy-pasta. VIGINUM has identified 99% of original messages for 1% of reposts.



Screenshots of accounts participating in the hostile campaign against France

⁷A copy-pasta is a block of text or a visual which is identically or almost identically copied and pasted, on one or several Internet platforms, with the aim of amplifying the visibility of a message.

⁸https://web.archive.org/web/20240227140819/https://azertag.az/en/xeber/baku_hosts_conference_on_quotneocolonialism_violation_of_human_rights_and_injustice_quot-2795953

⁹[https://azertag\[.\]az/en/xeber/baku_tionhosts_conference_on__quotneocolonialism_violation_of_human_rights_and_injustice__quot-2795953](https://azertag[.]az/en/xeber/baku_tionhosts_conference_on__quotneocolonialism_violation_of_human_rights_and_injustice__quot-2795953)

¹⁰https://www.20minutes.fr/faits_divers/4073523-20240130-corse-arrestations-bastia-antiterrorisme-deux-militants-nouveau-parti-nazione

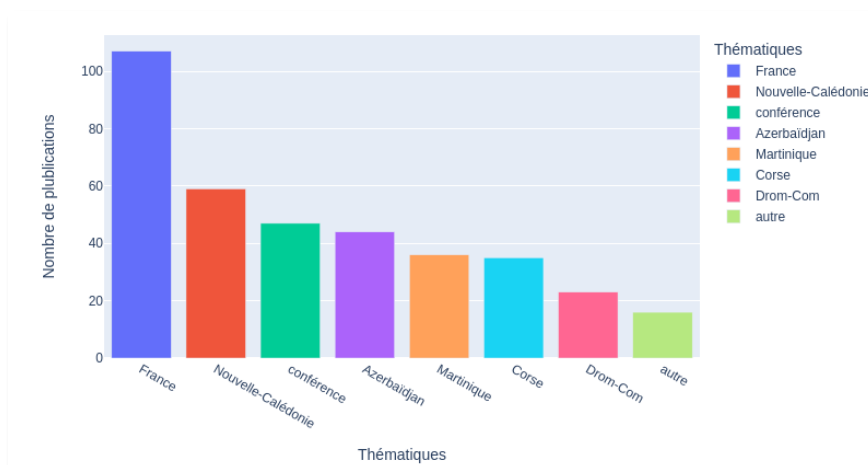
The analysis of the accounts involved in the latest four information manipulation operations previously described revealed **the mobilization of a cluster of 423 accounts**, presenting ties with Azerbaijan. This is explained in detail in Part 3.

France is not BIG’s only target. On January 25th 2024, 422 of the 423 accounts in the cluster that were analysed in the report participated in an **online campaign denigrating German, Irish, Austrian and French members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe**.¹¹ Two months later, on March 28th 2024, 373 of the 423 accounts in this same cluster were involved in a **doxing campaign against former NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh RASMUSSEN**. These two operations illustrate the fact that this cluster of accounts did not just participate in BIG’s campaign alone but also in information manipulation campaigns to **defend the political interests of the Azerbaijani power**. In both cases, the political figures attacked were accused of working for the “Armenian lobby”. This is a recurrent narrative in pro-government media outlets and of members of the Azerbaijani presidential party.

Opportunistic narratives resolutely hostile to France, struggling to reach audience in French DROM-COMs and Corsica

The textual analysis of posts on the @bakuinitiative X account identified the main topics addressed by BIG. This analysis studied the thematic angle of BIG’s posts from October 10th 2023 (creation date of its account) on the basis of a group of key words (list of rules in [Annex 1](#)). For example, the topic “France” contains the following words: “France, français, Macron, ministre de l’intérieur”, while New Caledonia contains the words: “Calédonie, Dumbéa, Kanak, Nouméa, FLNKS”.

Therefore, VIGINUM determined that BIG’s most common topics on this sample were:

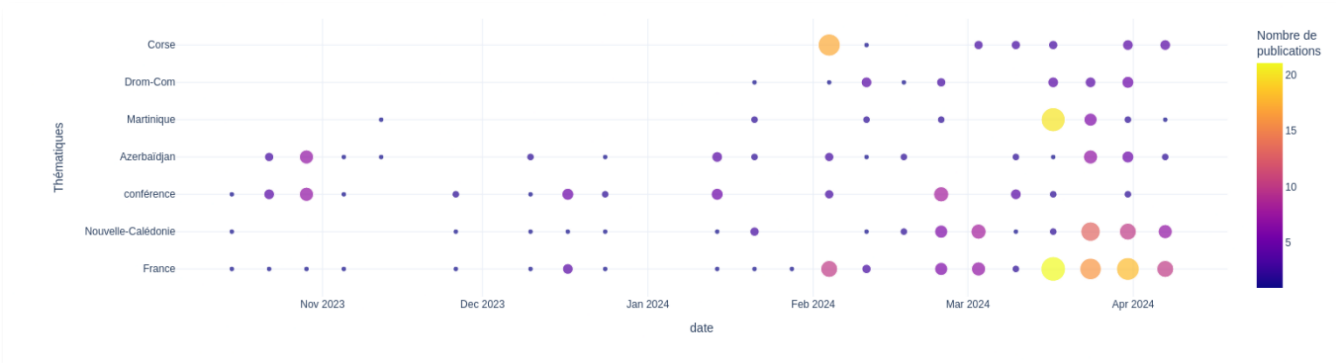


Main topics of @bakuinitiative X posts

In detail, the text analysis underlines that 29% of the posts on BIG’s account mentioned France, confirming that the country was the main subject of the organization’s content. The fact that the “New Caledonia” topic was in second position shows that this territory seems to be the main target of BIG’s action over this period, even before the riots broke out in mid-March 2024. The topic “conference” that came in third can be explained by the fact that the amplification campaigns observed by VIGINUM follow a series of conferences held by BIG.

¹¹The German MP Frank Schwabe <https://archive.ph/k2Exh>; the Irish MP Paul Gavan <https://archive.ph/SpOTt>; the Austrian MP Stefan Schennach <https://archive.ph/pMZfF>; the French MP Liliana Tanguy <https://archive.ph/S9KPO>

The text analysis found that the fourth ranked topic was “Azerbaijan” recalling the links between the organization and this country. Lastly, Martinique, then Corsica, were regularly mentioned. Starting from February 2024, Corsica seems to have become one of BIG’s preferred targets, as can be seen in the graph below:



Screenshot of topics addressed by BIG from October 2023 to April 2024

Lastly, the text analysis revealed, for topics concerning DROM-COMs and Corsica, the presence of certain independence movements (FLNKS and *Nazione*).

The findings of this analysis confirm the deliberate intent by BIG and the accounts involved in the various campaigns, to use the independence cause and the local political and economic situations to damage France’s image, lacking however to truly achieve this goal.

May 2024: an Azerbaijani informational maneuver targeting France after the riots in New Caledonia

On May 15th and 16th, VIGINUM detected on X and Facebook massive and coordinated spread of manifestly inaccurate and misleading content accusing French law enforcement officers of opening fire on independence movement demonstrators.¹² More than 5,000 messages were posted by at least 1,686 users in only two days with the copy-pasta technique.¹³

Although BIG did not directly participate in this informational maneuver, the organization did issue a press release during the riots in New Caledonia on May 16th 2024 “calling on the international community not to turn a blind eye to this disgraceful neo-colonial practice that leads to the marginalization of the people of Kanaky”.

Moreover, VIGINUM determined that at least 348 of the accounts detected in this action were part of the abovementioned cluster of 423 fake accounts presented in Part 3.



The post of the first-posting account of the maneuver @bafadarovislam

¹² See VIGINUM’s fact sheet on New Caledonia on the SGDSN website of May 17th 2024.

<https://www.sgdsn.gouv.fr/publications/nouvelle-caledonie-manoeuvres-informationnelles-impliquant-des-acteurs-0>

¹³A copy-pasta is a block of text or a visual that is identically or almost identically copied and pasted on one or several Internet platforms with the aim of amplifying the visibility of a message.

After VIGINUM published the #RecognizeNewCaledonia factsheet, X suspended the accounts that had participated in this action targeting New Caledonia. This resulted in much lower activity of content amplification on X. In fact, from May to mid-July 2024, BIG's action¹⁴ mostly benefited from communication by the Azerbaijani media ecosystem, without being the subject of a massive artificial amplification campaign on online platforms.

PART 2: CONTINUATION AND DIVERSIFICATION OF THE BAKU INITIATIVE GROUP'S ACTIVITIES

Between April and July 2024: digital propaganda in support of the organization's influence activities against French interests

Starting in the spring 2024, BIG focused on facilitating the institutionalization of relations between independence movements and Azerbaijan. This structuring mainly occurred through organizing and publicizing events and conferences, during which memoranda of understanding, with no legal basis, were signed between Azerbaijani leaders and certain independence leaders. On April 18th 2024, a delegation from New Caledonia was received by the *Milli Majlis* (National Assembly of Azerbaijan). On this occasion, Omayra Naisseline and Sahiba Gafarova¹⁵ signed a memorandum¹⁶ stating Azerbaijan's recognition of New Caledonia's right to self-determination.



On the left, signing of the memorandum for New Caledonia; on the right, signing of the memorandum for French Polynesia.

On April 30th 2024, as part of a conference organized by BIG at the United Nations Office in Vienna¹⁷, its director, Abbas ABBASOV¹⁸, also signed a memorandum with a representative of the Polynesian party, *Tavini Huiraatira*. Just as it was for the memorandum with New Caledonia, this signing was widely publicized by Azerbaijan's media. During the various visits by delegations from New Caledonia and French Polynesia, the Azerbaijani members of the organization appear to have served as intermediaries between the independence representatives and the Azerbaijani institutions, in particular to the Baku parliament.

On July 17th and 18th 2024, BIG organized another conference in Baku, entitled "Congress of Independence Movements from French-Colonized Territories". Focusing on the "independence

¹⁴ Organization of two international conferences: on June 13th 2024, "Decolonisation, International Diplomacy and the Role of Communication in the Modern World" in Baku, and on 20 June 2024 "Towards Independence and Fundamental Freedoms: the Role of the C-24 in Ending Neocolonialism" at the United Nations in New York.

¹⁵ President of the National Assembly of Azerbaijan.

¹⁶ <https://archive.ph/39M1J>

¹⁷ Entitled "The path to decolonization: consequences of assimilation and its implications for the realization of human rights".

¹⁸ <http://archive.today/CBcyo> The aim of this memorandum is to prevent "threats against national identity by reducing the effects of assimilation" and clear the way for "achieving significant results moving towards decolonization".

movements in the French colonial territories¹⁹, the conference was mainly a mouthpiece for independence representatives from New Caledonia. On the first day, the director of BIG, Abbas ABBASOV, announced the creation of student scholarships for the academic year 2024 for students from the French overseas territories²⁰.



Left, poster presenting the Congress of Independence Movements from French-Colonised Territories; right, logo of FILDECOF.

Furthermore, on July 18th 2024, BIG supported the creation of an “International Front for the Liberation of the Last French Colonies²¹ (FILDECOF), bringing together representatives of independence formations in the overseas departments, regions and communities and Corsica. The agenda of this new movement, according to BIG publications, is to “unite the efforts of the colonies in their decolonization processes” and enable representatives of the various movements to denounce the supposed “racist policy and repression” practiced by France.

July 2024: online promotion of a report by the Baku Initiative Group on “France’s racist crimes against its colonies”

Between July 20th and 22^d 2024, following on the congress that led to the creation of the FILDECOF, BIG was actively promoted²² at the second “Shusha Global Media Forum” organized by Azerbaijan, notably receiving praise from President ALIYEV²³ himself. With the sub-heading, “Unmasking false narratives: confronting disinformation”, this regional conference also provided Azerbaijani authorities the opportunity to highlight their own action in the “fight against disinformation”.

On that occasion, Abbas ABBASOV and Carlyle C. CORBIN²⁴ presented a report that was critical of France, entitled “Evolution of French colonialism: a political and constitutional analysis” during a conference entitled “The presentation on contemporary French colonial models: political and constitutional analysis report”.

According to articles published by the Azerbaijani press, this report denounces France’s “crimes”: “on the basis of international legal documents, the report sheds light on the crimes [...] currently committed

¹⁹ See AZERTAG: <http://archive.ph/2NvCp> ; <https://archive.ph/Rlywz>; representatives from Corsica, French Polynesia, New Caledonia and the Antilles took part in this event, as well as figures from the islands of Sint Maarten and Bonaire, which had already been welcomed as guests of honour (<https://archive.ph/pt6R1>).

²⁰ <https://archive.ph/w5s1e>

²¹ <https://archive.ph/E712q>

²² <https://archive.ph/yGQsS> - Interview with Abbas ABBASOV on Baku TV during the Shusha Global Media Forum.

²³ <https://archive.ph/jx5yT> “Unfortunately, the French government is again using the media to accuse us that we are interfering in their internal affairs. But this is not the case at all. We associate this with the anti-Azerbaijani position in the European Union and the UN. They started a cold war against Azerbaijan. We are doing this because we believe what France is doing is abhorrent, unacceptable and must stop.”

²⁴ Carlyle G. CORBIN, an international consultant and former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs for the Virgin Islands, is a regular partner of BIG as part of the various activities the organization conducts. <https://archive.ph/QhBQ2>; <https://archive.ph/ZAGLU>

by France (ethnic cleansing, slave trade, repression of the local population, arrests and murders, starvation)”²⁵.

The main talking points from this document were quoted in a series of four articles published by the Azerbaijani media outlet, *Caliber*²⁶. The report is now available online on the website of the organization bakuinitiative[.]com.



Left, cover of the report presented by Abbas ABBASOV and Carlyle CORBIN; right, front, Hikmet HAJIYEV, Head of the Department of Foreign Policy Affairs of the Presidential Administration, with the same report.

September-October 2024: rapprochement with the self-proclaimed pan-Africanist spheres

On September 3rd 2024, identical to what had been done previously with New Caledonia and Polynesia, BIG once again signed a cooperation agreement with a delegation from Comoros, as part of a conference entitled “The issue of France’s illegal occupation of the Comorian island of Mayotte”.

Later in September 2024, several Cameroonian journalists from the pro-Russia pan-Africanist media outlet “For You MEDIA Africa²⁷” were invited to take part in the international conference on Mayotte organized by BIG. These journalists served as intermediaries to disseminate narratives about the sovereignty of Comoros on the island of Mayotte, and France’s role in the “persecution of local populations”. Coverage of this conference was carried out by the pan-Africanist media outlet via the publication of videos²⁸, which were then reposted on BIG’s account pages, particularly the interview with Abbas ABBASOV. Between October 2^d and 7th 2024, BIG organized another conference in Baku on “The French neo-colonialist policy in Africa”, during which coordinated mobilization of the Azerbaijani news environment was detected²⁹. However, just like the other efforts to promote BIG’s activities supporting the self-proclaimed pan-Africanist movement, this one did not achieve the visibility its organizers presumably aimed for.



Signing of the memorandum with the Comoros delegation.

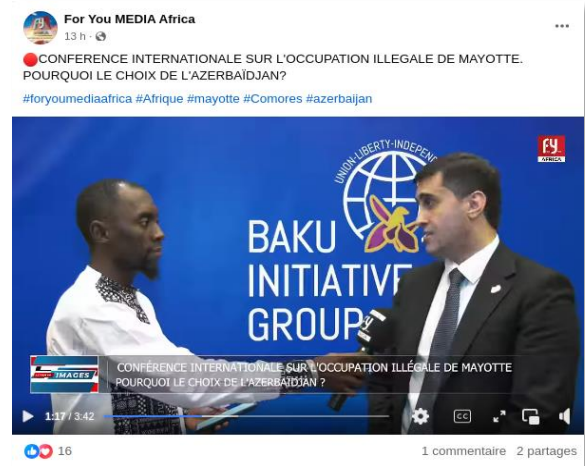
²⁵ <https://archive.ph/Ftoun>

²⁶ <https://archive.ph/Y2FKI> ; <https://archive.ph/AkUPz> ; <https://archive.ph/CIXVj> ; <https://archive.ph/KVMde>

²⁷ Cameroonian media outlet founded by politician Serge Espoir MATOMBA, who was already interviewed by the Russian state media and who is connected to pan-Africanist figures such as Nathalie YAMB and Kemi SEBA. Facebook page ID: 100064162717644.

²⁸ See the following videos: https://fb.watch/unUzmsyL_U/; <https://fb.watch/unUNJzLFir/>; <https://fb.watch/unUQdrhQ8o/>; <https://fb.watch/unUW7zuAIQ/>; and particularly the video of the Abbas ABBASOV interview: https://fb.watch/unUM2_R_sd

²⁹The conference was promoted through several channels, combining the use of the organization’s social media accounts and the dissemination of articles by Azerbaijani media (articles in the Azerbaijani press: <https://archive.ph/VexC7> ; <https://archive.ph/V6yIA> ; <https://archive.ph/iVm3r> ; <https://archive.ph/BumYv>. @bakuinitiativegroup on Instagram: [instagram.com/p/DAskvWRth37/?img_index=1](https://www.instagram.com/p/DAskvWRth37/?img_index=1)).



Examples of reports, on the left by @APS_Senegal and on the right by For You MEDIA Africa

Furthermore, while several pan-Africanist associations attended the conference, the presence of Kemi SEBA, a self-proclaimed pan-Africanist influencer who claims to have ties to Russia, was especially highlighted by the Azerbaijani news media, particularly via a press conference on October 2^d, an interview on CBC TV, and part of the conference being broadcast live on Baku TV³⁰. Kemi SEBA also promoted the event on his social media pages.

The pro-Russia Cameroonien media outlet "For You MEDIA Africa"³¹ also contributed to the media coverage of the conference by broadcasting a report showing the dominant role that Kemi SEBA held alongside the director of BIG, Abbas ABBASOV.

The recent arrest of Kemi SEBA in France on October 14th 2024 featured heavily across the various social media accounts of the organization, and on its website [bakuinitiative\[.\]com](http://bakuinitiative[.]com). A dedicated visual was created to communicate on the issue, as well as the hashtags #freedomtokemiseba, #freekemiseba and #releasekemiseba, which did not reach significant visibility.



Kemi SEBA at the press conference with Azerbaijani media on October 2^d 2024.

³⁰One post by Kemi SEBA which was shared by BIG was viewed almost 12,000 times and received 363 likes and 95 reposts. On YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1DBmzczVR7Q> for CBC TV (8,900 views), https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=daVjh_wr3C4 for Baku TV (7,800 views).

³¹ https://fb.watch/v6gaKS_b8H/; this media outlet was also used by BIG during previous events, in particular during the conference on Mayotte in September 2024.



Photos of the participants invited to the conference on October 3rd 2024, alongside the director of BIG, Abbas ABBASOV.

October 2024: continuation of the opportunistic instrumentalization of news events in French overseas territories

As the security situation worsened in Martinique, following the hardening of the movement against the high cost of living, BIG worked to exploit the tensions between protesters and law enforcement forces, with the posting of content that aimed to polarize the Francophone public online debate.

Between October 8th and 11th 2024, VIGINUM identified on X at least eleven videos³² that manipulated the intervention of the 8th “Compagnie Républicaine de Sécurité” Martinique. This operation aimed to spread blatantly misleading narratives on the supposed policy of colonial repression by France in the DROM-COMs. The publication of these videos was accompanied by several series of hashtags such as “#martinique #independence #colonialism #frenchcolonial #liberty #unión #union”, without these hashtags being able not boost the visibility of the organization’s publications in any significant way.

Poor visibility of the Baku Initiative Group’s activities on X

While the evaluation of the impact on public opinion of an online information manipulation campaign has not currently reached academic and scientific consensus, the measurement of visibility on social media does provide reliable and proven indicators.

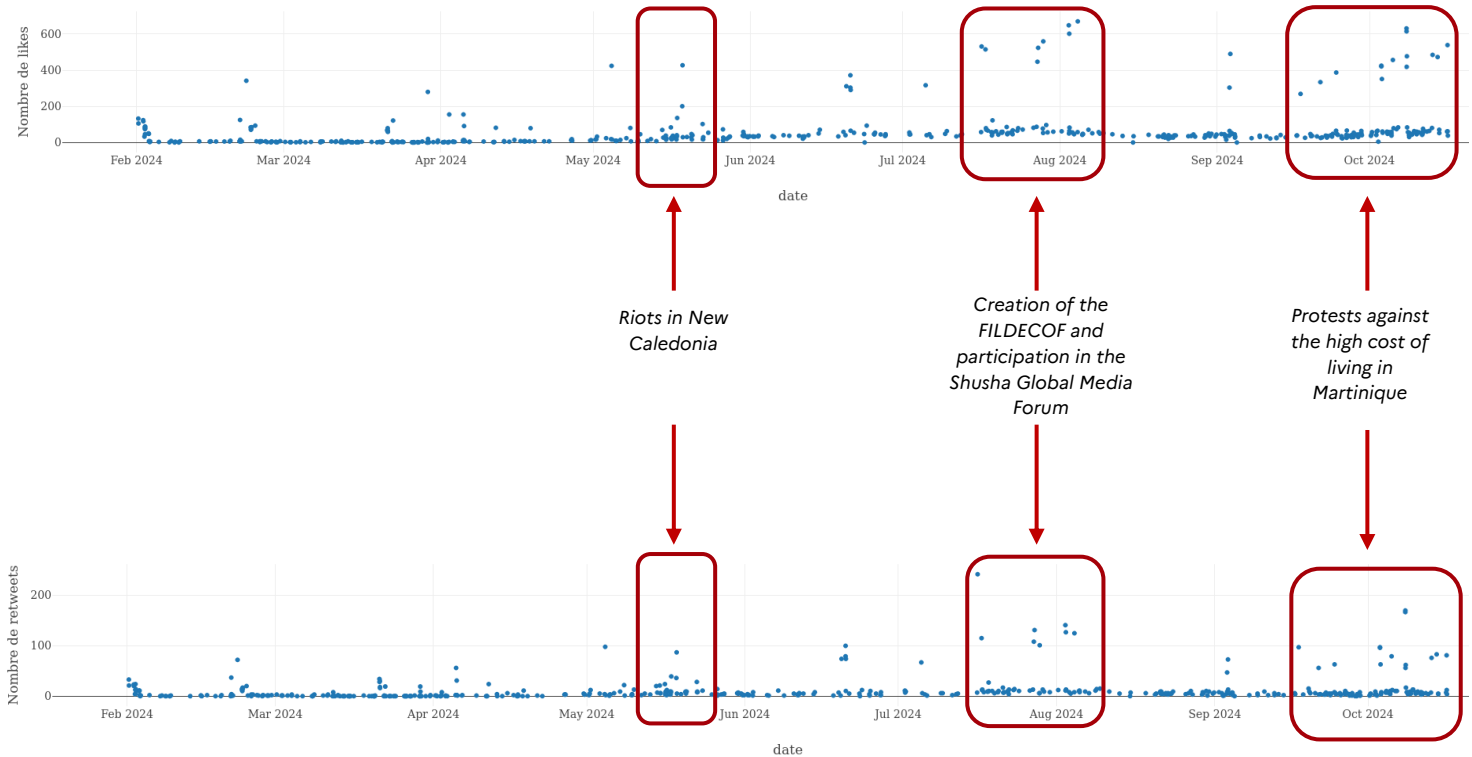
Regarding BIG’s online activity, this means quantifying the number of reposts and likes received on the @bakuinitiative X account over a given period.

Between February and October 2024, of the 532 publications originally analysed, **the volume of interactions on BIG’s posts remained very low**, meaning less than one hundred reposts on average per post, and less than 200 likes.

Furthermore, despite occasional activity peaks (see chart below), corresponding to the organization’s aim of instrumentalization any event or news story, visibility remained low, which is a **sign that BIG struggles to really take root in the Francophone online public debate.**

³² <https://archive.ph/13LRI>; <https://archive.ph/9lLhL>; <https://archive.ph/ql4xd> ; <https://archive.ph/g2omC>; <https://archive.ph/TunYE>; <https://archive.ph/x1HB4>; <https://archive.ph/nB1Ro>; <https://archive.ph/gJFig>; <https://archive.ph/iREkI>; <https://archive.ph/bdDar>; <https://archive.ph/QNBOy>

Lastly, following the deletion of most of the cluster accounts identified in the aforementioned amplification operations, VIGINUM has observed a change in direction of the Azerbaijani information campaigns on X. The disappearance of the clumsy hashtag amplification operations appeared to coincide with a relative increase in the average number of interactions, suggesting a possible positioning of the Azerbaijani information campaign beneath the platform’s moderation threshold.



Volume of interactions with BIG posts on X between February and October 2024.

PART 3: THE BAKU INITIATIVE GROUP: AN ORGANIZATION LINKED TO AZERBAIJAN’S GOVERNMENT

Artificially amplified narratives by false accounts linked to Azerbaijan

Of the four latest operations observed by VIGINUM on X, between September 22^d 2023 and February 2^d 2024 (see Part 1), data analysis revealed a cluster of 423 accounts involved in all of those operations (see [Annex 2](#)). The analysis of these 423 accounts identified shared characteristics, particularly markers of inauthenticity and foreign elements.

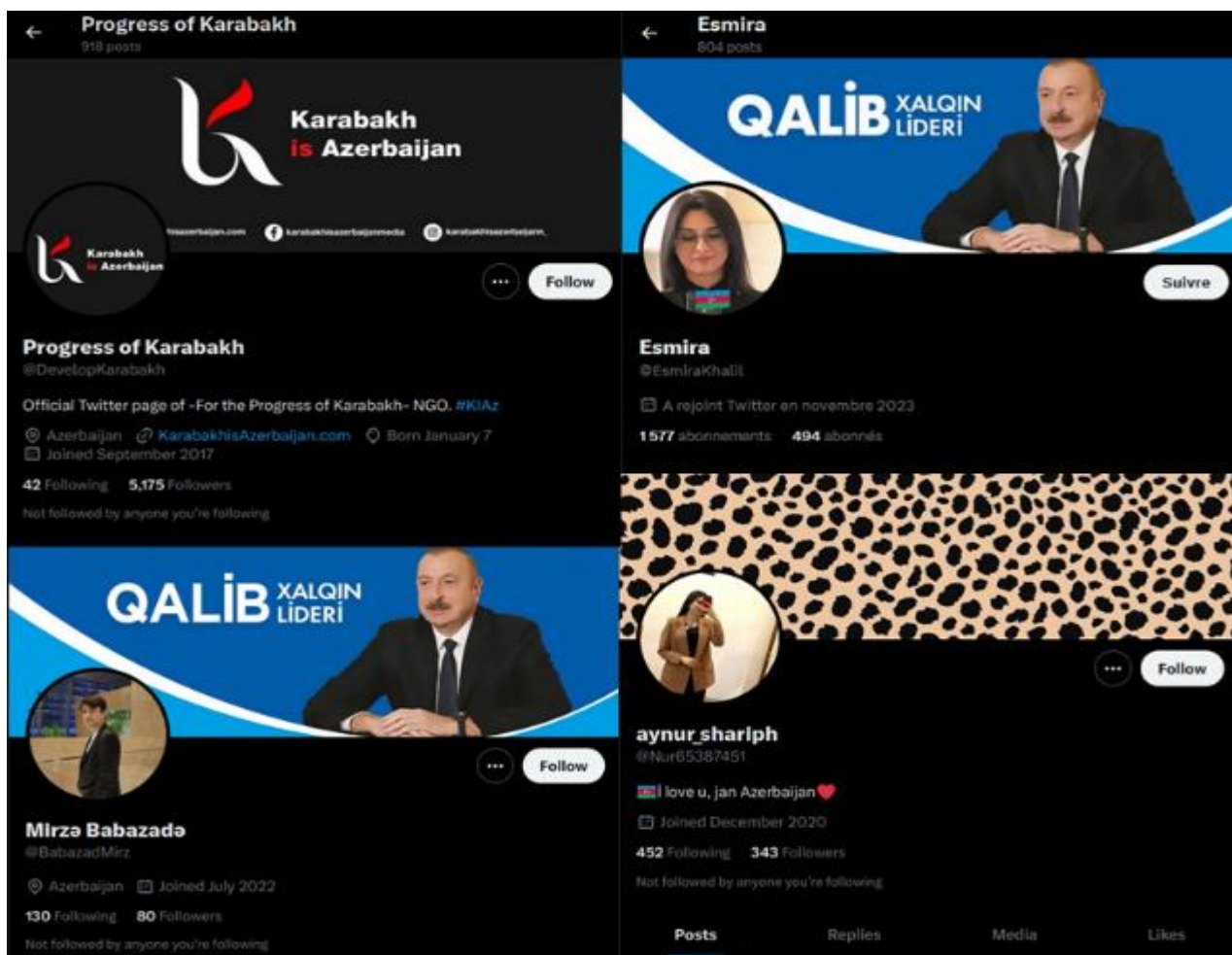
First of all, the analysis of this cluster revealed that 75% of the posts were original messages, while 85% contained a media item (image or video). This might indicate a desire to take advantage of the recommender system’s algorithm, which prioritizes content that has a greater chance of creating engagement and retaining user attention³³.

Among the 423 accounts involved in the four campaigns, 115 accounts (or 27%) stated in their location, or bio, that they were in Azerbaijan, in an Azerbaijani city or in a district of the country. Furthermore, the analysis of the last 30 posts on X on February 11th 2024 established that 93% of the 423 accounts mainly used the Azeri language. Lastly, in 99% of the cluster’s last 30 posts, the Azeri language was used at least once.

³³ <https://blog.hubspot.fr/marketing/conseils-booster-compte-twitter>

The analysis of the 423 accounts, between January 18th and 22^d, highlighted a significant reduction in posts on January 20th 2024, with an average of 1,300 posts for all accounts involved in BIG campaigns, compared to 6,000 for the other days of the week. January 20th is a public holiday in Azerbaijan³⁴, so this would appear to confirm that the 423 accounts analysed post on working days.

In addition, the first accounts to post during these four campaigns all show a connection to Azerbaijan (see below)³⁵. Two of them have an official image in support of the outgoing President Ilham ALIYEV's campaign as their banner image. The account @DevelopKarabakh is localized in Azerbaijan, and offers a link that redirects to the website KarabakhisAzerbaijan[.]com, which belongs to an NGO created in July 2020 "at the initiative of a group of young patriots [...] united under a common goal, which is to support the Azerbaijani armed forces and our people by taking part in the information war and informing the world of the realities of the Karabakh"³⁶.



Screenshots of the profiles of the four first-posting accounts

VIGINUM also analysed the most-shared links by the 423 cluster accounts between January 17th and February 18th 2024. The official website of the Azerbaijani Presidency, president[.]az is mainly shared (59.4% of shares). In second place is the website of the Azerbaijani state press agency, azertag[.]az, which is shared in 12.7% of posts, closely followed by the link to the website of the Presidential party, yap[.]org.az. (9.4%).

³⁴ https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/F%C3%A4tes_et_jours_f%C3%A9ri%C3%A9s_en_Azerba%C3%AFdjan

³⁵ From the campaign on 22/09/2023 <https://archive.ph/rjWQj>; from the campaign on 22/10/2023: <https://archive.ph/YFTUV>; from the campaign on 02/02/2024: <https://archive.ph/twxnK>

³⁶ <https://web.archive.org/web/20210516000504/https://www.karabakhisazerbaijan.com/en/contact/>

Between February 1st and 10th 2024, 414 of the 423 accounts (or 98%) shared the following three hashtags: #Prezidentseçkiləri #Seçki2024 #QalibXalqınQalibLideri. The last hashtag, which had already been used by BIG (see below) and which means “victorious leader of the victorious people” is a slogan in favour of the candidacy of the outgoing President Ilham ALIYEV. In addition, VIGINUM identified that most of the visuals (images or videos) shared by the 423 accounts represented President Ilham ALIYEV (see below), proof of the cluster’s political support to the Azerbaijani President.



Screenshot of the most shared visuals by the cluster between February 1st and 10th 2024

The analysis of the accounts followed by and the followers of these 423 accounts showed that 18 of the 20 most followed accounts by the cluster were accounts belonging to Azerbaijani entities or personalities³⁷. Furthermore, 11 of the 20 biggest followers of the 423 accounts correspond to Azerbaijani political personalities (see [Annex 3](#)).

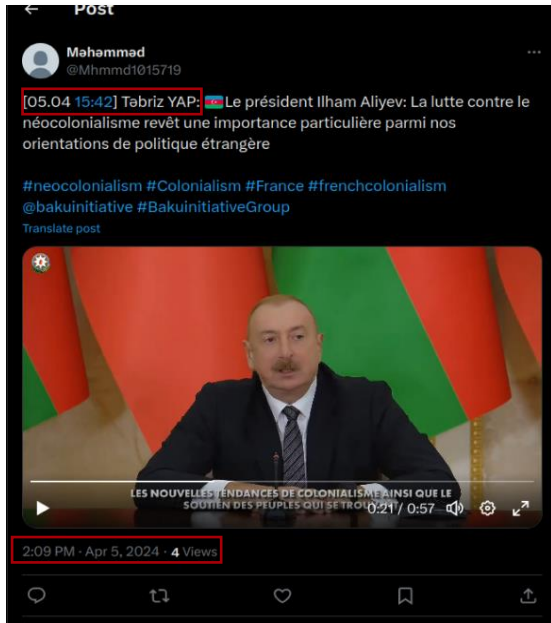
Lastly, among the accounts involved in the four operations described above, VIGINUM also identified accounts close to the political power. Thirty-nine profiles stated in their bio that they are linked to the Azerbaijani administration, or the President’s political party, *Yeni Azərbaycan Partiyası* (YAP), or “the New Azerbaijan Party” (See [Annex 4](#)).

³⁷Like the presidential party’s account @YAP_1992 in first place, and the account of President Ilham ALIYEV in third place.

Involvement of the Azerbaijani presidential party in artificially amplifying BIG narratives

Several mistakes by those operating these 423 accounts have enabled VIGINUM to establish links of coordination with the presidential party (YAP) using open sources.

VIGINUM initially detected two posts among the various campaigns by BIG that contained clear mistakes:

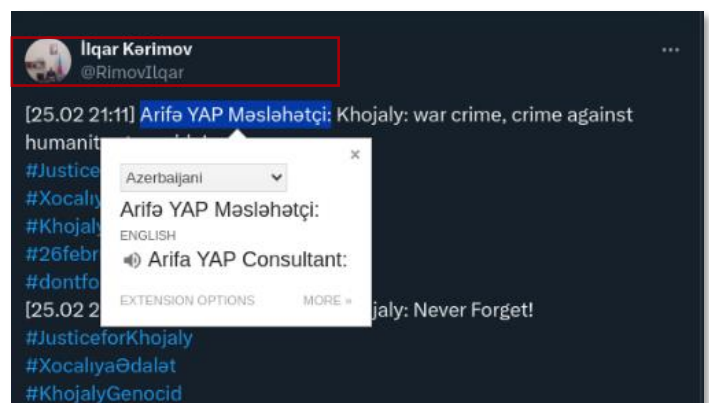


Screenshots of two posts by accounts involved in campaigns linked to BIG activities

As you can see above, these two posts start with the date and time of publication in square brackets, followed by a name, "YAP" and a colon.³⁸ Each time, the date matches that of the post (visible below), while the time of posting is later than that indicated in the message. That is potentially because X expresses the date with the French time zone, while the time given in the square brackets uses Azerbaijani time (GMT+2 or +3, depending on the time of year).

Moreover, the two names appear to match given names of Azerbaijani origin: the first, Təbriz, is a masculine name, while Arifə is a feminine one. YAP, meanwhile, appears to refer to the acronym of *Yeni Azərbaycan Partiyası*, the presidential party.

Researching the name Arifə, VIGINUM identified several other posts with the same anomaly, like the one to the right. However, the name Arifə and that of the party are accompanied here by the word "consultant" in Azeri.³⁹



Another example of a mistake by an Azerbaijani X account

³⁸ <https://perma.cc/U2N8-WC5>

³⁹ <https://perma.cc/E7AJ-8E34>

Another post emerged during the investigations and confirmed a link between the amplification of these narratives and a certain "Arifə". On 19 May 2023 at 12:39, the account @RenaMemmedova20 published a rather explicit message with a similar mistake to those above.⁴⁰ This time, the message referred to a certain "Mrs Arifə", accompanied by what appear to be two messages shared inadvertently one after the other. The English translation contains the following instruction: "[19.05 14:32] Mrs. Arifa: **Let's ensure that this information and the picture are widely distributed by all employees and activists on all three social networks.** [19.05 14:32] Mrs. Arifa: A joint organization of the Central Office of the New Azerbaijan Party, YAP Youth Union and Baku Higher Oil School".

Analysis of the @RenaMemmedova20 account indicated that it was following only four other accounts: @bakuinitiative (the BIG account), @caliberEnglish, @Fullyaozturk (a Turkish journalist) and @AfaAbbasova. This last account is the only one that also follows @RenaMemmedova20. Moreover, the screenshot in one of @RenaMemmedova20's was lifted directly from @AfaAbbasova, proving a close link between the two accounts.⁴¹

In addition, study of posting by @RenaMemmedova20 revealed several posts referring to the Facebook page of a YAP employee called Arifə Abbasova,⁴² who seems to play a key role in this set-up.

This X account also shares photos and videos that depict Muxtar Nagiyev, the first poster in the "Olympiya" information manipulation campaign⁴³ that was detected by VIGINUM in July 2023 and sought to discredit France's ability to organize the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris.



Another mistake on the @AfaAbbasova account demonstrating a link with Arifə Abbasova

Lastly, the @AfaAbbasova account appears to be linked to Arifə Abbasova. In a July 8th 2022 post celebrating Eid, the account inadvertently cited Arifə Abbasova as a "senior consultant in the YAP Tovuz district organization".⁴⁴ These mistakes underline the probable involvement of actors with ties to the authorities in Azerbaijan and in direct contact with the presidential party, in the artificial amplification of anti-France narratives.

Links between BIG's digital environment and Azerbaijan

BIG has two direct, but distinct, links with Azerbaijan:

- A tax link: BIG is registered with the Azerbaijani Ministry of Economy as a tax entity, meaning that it pays its taxes in Azerbaijan;⁴⁵
- A political link: President ALIYEV has claimed paternity of the organization by declaring: "The Baku Initiative Group is our child".⁴⁶

⁴⁰ <https://perma.cc/JXE2-3EA9>

⁴¹ <https://perma.cc/D64G-38CN>

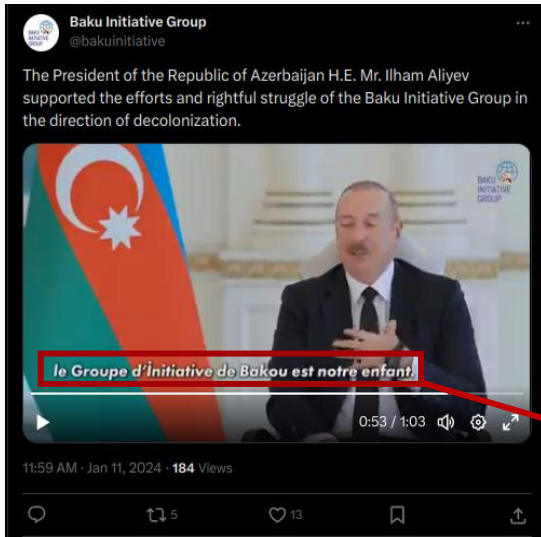
⁴² In this post – <https://perma.cc/4B9W-HP8G> – and this one – <https://perma.cc/F3KU-GCNB> – for example.

⁴³ <https://perma.cc/8EJB-UNCF> - <https://perma.cc/89EM-5LRZ> - <https://youtu.be/SUOESU3kjFg?si=qMx0cQtXywt1byLL&t=53>

⁴⁴ <https://perma.cc/7E6Z-UQJF>

⁴⁵ This OECD document explains how tax numbers are allocated in Azerbaijan: <https://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/crs-implementation-and-assistance/tax-identification-numbers/Azerbaijan-TIN.pdf>.

⁴⁶ <https://archive.ph/ziOh>



"The Baku Initiative Group is our child"

Moreover, BIG's social media accounts also have characteristics indicating at least an interest in, if not a bias towards, Azerbaijan's authorities. On X, BIG's account follows only three accounts – those of the Head of Foreign Policy Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration of Azerbaijan, Hikmet HAJIYEV, of the Vice-President of Azerbaijan, Mehriban ALIYEVA, and of the President himself, Ilham ALIYEV⁴⁷ – and on Instagram, BIG follows only the President.⁴⁸

In addition; BIG's X, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn accounts all shared the same message celebrating Ilham ALIYEV's re-election (93.3% of votes on February 7th 2024).⁴⁹ On the four platforms, the text used the hashtag #QalibXalqınQalibLideri ("victorious leader of the victorious people"), a slogan adopted by many pro-Aliyev accounts during the presidential election campaign in Azerbaijan (see below). BIG's X and Instagram accounts also added the hashtag #ilhameliyev to the messages.

Analysis of the bakuinitiative[.]com website also revealed the presence of two backlinks.⁵⁰ The first, btq.org[.]az, is a mirror of the BIG website, with a top-level domain in Azerbaijan, while the second, jabarov[.]com, goes to the website of an Azerbaijani businessman, Hafiz JABAROV, who is based in Baku and worked on the design of several pro-ALIYEV media sites, including oxu[.]az, report[.]az and baku[.]tv which regularly propagate anti-France narratives. Moreover, VIGINUM's analysis of the source code of btq[.]org identified Azeri characters that suggest that the website's organization is technically managed by individuals linked to Azerbaijan.

⁴⁷ <https://twitter.com/bakuinitiative/following>

⁴⁸ <https://www.instagram.com/bakuinitiativegroup/following/>

⁴⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=122131685336064406&set=a.122114687666064406>

https://tr.linkedin.com/posts/baku-initiative-group_qalibliderqalibxalq-activity-7161067268435558401-dybk

https://www.instagram.com/p/C3Dor4Vs_LT/ <https://twitter.com/bakuinitiative/status/1755300946718892327>

⁵⁰ A backlink is a link from one website to another website. Backlinks represent traffic from another website that comes to the target site. The quality and number of backlinks can help to improve rankings in search results on engines including Google and Bing.

The Azerbaijani businessman, Hafiz JABAROV, claims in his CV⁵¹ to work for a company called Global Management, which is part of Global Media Group LLC (GMG LLC), based in the same Baku premises as BIG (address: Rəsul Rza küçəsi 75, Winter Park Plaza, AZ 1014).⁵² The Chairman of the Board of GMG LLC, Elnur ABDULLAYEV, has been decorated by President İlham ALIYEV.⁵³ The close ties between the two men are highlighted by a photo of ABDULLAYEV with the President on his various social media, confirming the many technical and human links between BIG and the Azerbaijani authorities.⁵⁴



Facebook profile picture of Elnur ABDULLAYEV

⁵¹ <https://jabarov.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CV-1.pdf>

⁵² <https://btq.org.az/> - <https://gmg.az/en#contacts>

⁵³ As mentioned in one of the media outlets owned by GMG LLC: <https://archive.ph/nmyOA>.

⁵⁴ On his *Instagram* (<https://www.instagram.com/abdullayevelnur/>) and Facebook (<https://archive.ph/XqvKS>) accounts.

CONCLUSION

Claiming to be a non-governmental organization supporting the fight against colonialism, BIG is in reality carrying out misleading digital activities dictated essentially by the foreign policy goals of the Baku authorities. While the scope of the conferences organized by BIG appears to be -at least- limited, given the small audience they boast, they are nonetheless promoted intensively on digital platforms without however achieving the intended result.

Firstly, the analysis of the digital structure used, and that of the X accounts involved in the various information manipulation campaigns, has highlighted direct involvement of actors close to Azerbaijan's political leadership, including individuals with ties to the presidential party, YAP.

Secondly, the study of the content shared in informational maneuvers and communication campaigns has confirmed the malicious intent behind BIG's activism: damaging France's image and reputation among the population of its DROM-COMs and Corsica.

Moreover, observation of the digital campaign discrediting German, Irish, Austrian and French lawmakers at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (January 25th 2024) and the doxxing of the former NATO Secretary General, Anders Fogh RASMUSSEN (March 28th 2024) has also illustrated that the cluster of 423 inauthentic accounts was used to defend the political interests of Azerbaijan's authorities. The various political figures targeted have been accused of working for the "Armenian lobby", which is a recurrent narrative in pro-government media and among the members of the presidential Azerbaijani party, YAP.

As such, the claimed purpose of BIG (fighting colonialism and supporting decolonization initiatives) seems to be focused primarily on France, revealing the true aims of this state propaganda outlet: instrumentalizing independence movements and ideas to undermine the territorial integrity of a State that has taken positions and made statements contrary to the interests of Azerbaijan.

ANNEX 1: LIST OF RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION BY TOPICS

Posts in English and Azeri were translated into French before analysis. Posts may be counted in several different topics if they contain key words from several of them.

Key words:

France topic: France, Français, Macron, ministre de l'intérieur

New Caledonia topic: Calédonie, Dumbéa, Kanak, Nouméa, FLNK, Wamytan, Xowie

Conference topic: conférence, événement, women empowerment

Azerbaijan topic: Aliyev, Azerbaïdjan, poing de fer, @presidentaz, 31marchgenocide, novruzbaymi

Martinique topic: Martinique, CTM, Chalvet, Pinto

Corsica topic: Corse, Nazione, Korsika, corsica

Overseas France topic: Guadeloupe, UPLG, Guyane, Castor, Mayotte

ANNEX 2: LIST OF THE CLUSTER'S 423 ACCOUNTS

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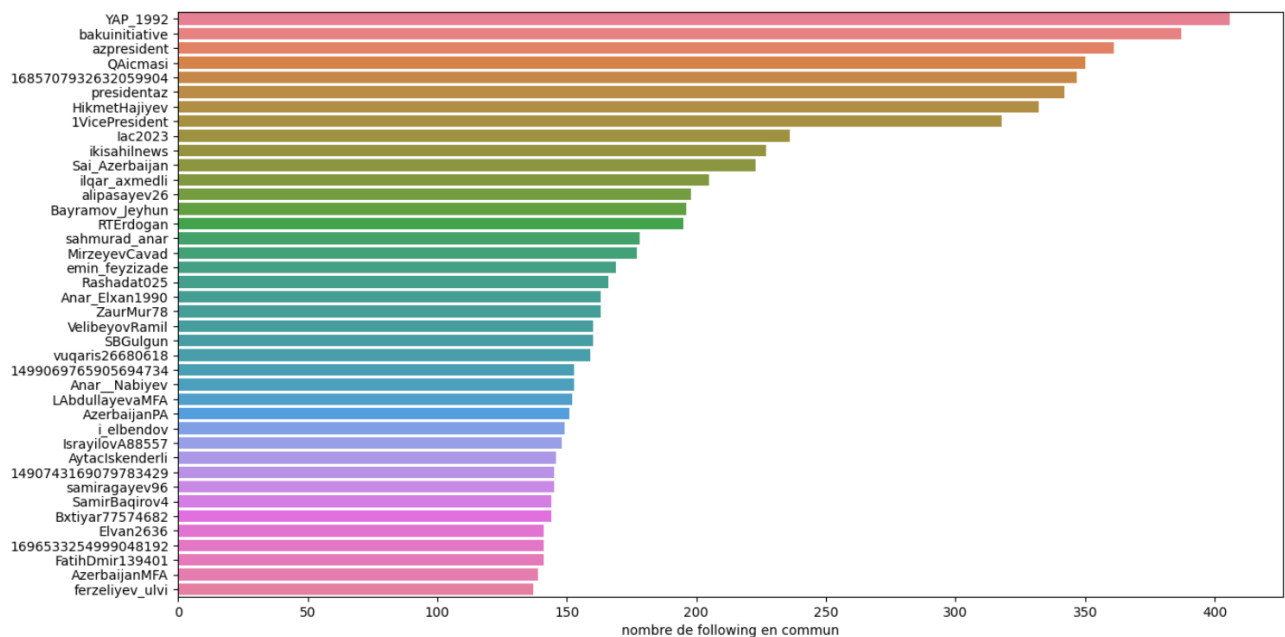
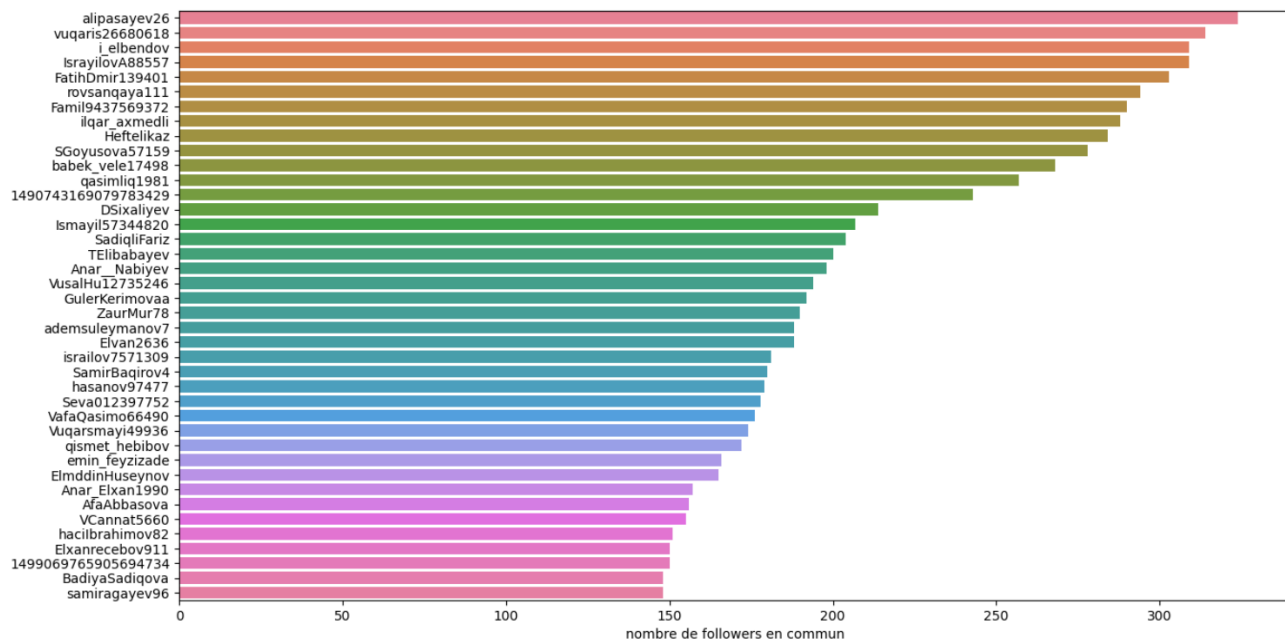
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aysehuseynova_
NecefovEli0052
kerimov88510
PervizElixanov
VefaKarimova
ZamiqBabay32522
ilhame17387
telmanzade032

ANNEX 3: TABLE OF USERS FOLLOWING THE MOST AND WITH THE MOST FOLLOWERS IN THE CLUSTER OF 423 ACCOUNTS



ANNEX 4: LIST OF X ACCOUNTS IN THE CLUSTER WITH A REFERENCE TO THE AZERBAIJANI PRESIDENTIAL PARTY

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ferzeliyev_ulvi
Anar_Elxa1990
MirzeyevCavad
ZaurMur78
SeyidovVuqar
Rashadat025
emin_feyzizade
AytacIskenderli
Ismayil57344820
XeyalCelebi
Bxtiyar77574682
haxiyeva_sona

TElibabayev
AxundovBoyukaga
Huseyzadeh
RamazanovMexman
AytDli
malik_mirzayev3
UlkerQurbanli
Valeh11111
MmNazrinn
RogluAbbas
Nurlanagam67003
SalehMaharram
ArazXudadanov

MatanatSafarli
Mmm87537155Vsal
SevdaQova
AnarSirinov7
elxanoguz0048
NigarQ12326
FBibzad
az_suleymanov
TelmanDemir
NamiqAhmedov03
MrRahimov88
QenaetEsgrv
AygünManiyevaaa

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