

Adversary Archetype

Basic

Type of Adversary:
Nation-state

Size:
Government

Structure:
Organized with structures



Technical Capabilities

Access to sophisticated hardware through already setup structures like government ministries, departments, and agencies. National media houses to carry out espionage.



Favored Means of Attack

- Physical credential harvesting and surveillance
- Torture, arbitrary arrests
- Physical intimidation, kidnap, and even killing opponents at times
- Office/home break-ins
- Targeted legislation, espionage



Targets

Political dissidents and anyone that acts contrary to their agenda.



Motivation

Politically motivated and the need to keep and maintain power



Resources

- Financial resources
- Human resources: police, army, weapons
- Technology access
- Many representatives in the parliament (tyranny of numbers)



Intent

Gain access to information sources and networks. Utilize information to combat dissent and suppress civil society by shrinking civil spaces.



Constraints & Limitations

- Unable to influence decision on the use of private software infrastructure like google, facebook, and other international organizations against its opponents.
- Unable to block or regulate circumvention tools that are owned by international proprietors
- Unable to coordinate and influence decision from the masses during crisis



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