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# THREAT ADVISORY

**ACTOR REPORT**

## **New Tomiris APT Group Targets Governments**

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# Summary

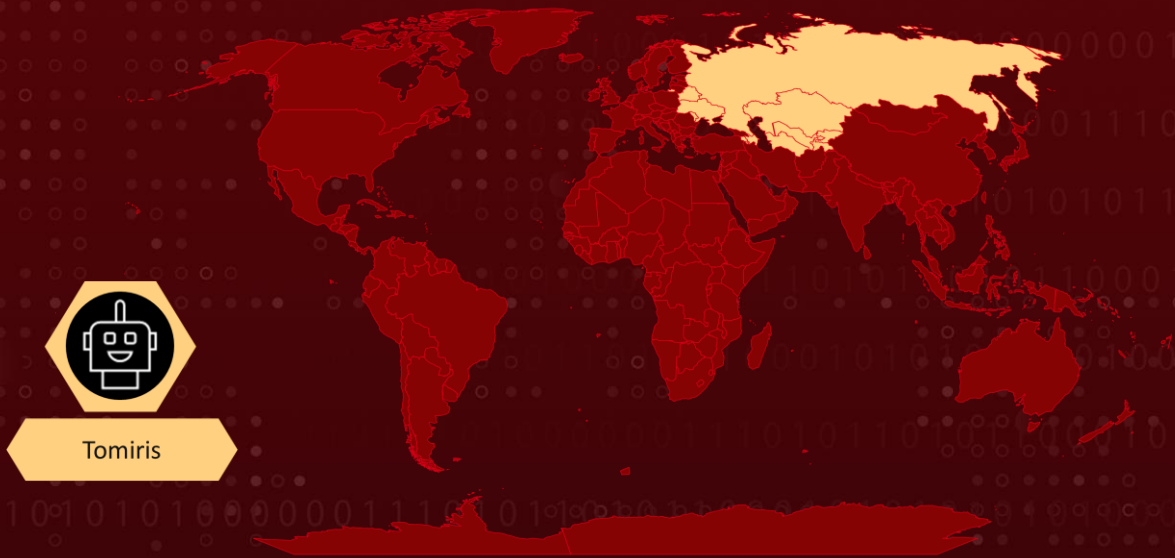
**First Appearance:** September 2021

**Actor Name:** Tomiris

**Target Countries:** Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)

**Target Sectors:** Government and Diplomatic Entities

## Actor Map



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# Actor Details

## #1

Tomiris is a Russian-speaking advanced persistent threat (APT) group that has been active since at least 2021. Tomiris is known for its use of sophisticated tactics and tools, including zero-day exploits and custom malware implants. The group has been observed using a range of malware, including the Tomiris implant, which is a Golang-based backdoor that allows the group to execute commands on infected systems and exfiltrate sensitive data.

## #2

Tomiris is also known for its use of supply chain attacks and domain hijacking tactics, which involve taking over legitimate websites and using them to distribute malware to unsuspecting victims. In one notable incident, the group was observed taking over the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan to distribute malware to visitors.

## #3

Despite some initial speculation that Tomiris may be linked to the Turla APT group, we have concluded that the two groups are likely separate entities, although they may share some tools and techniques. Tomiris is thought to be a relatively new and emerging threat actor, and its activities are likely to continue to be closely monitored by cybersecurity researchers and government agencies.

## Actor Group

NAME	ORIGIN	TARGET COUNTRIES	TARGET INDUSTRIES
Tomiris	Russia	Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)	Government and Diplomatic Entities
	<b>MOTIVE</b> Information theft & Espionage		

# Recommendations



Keep all software and systems up-to-date with the latest security patches and updates to mitigate against known vulnerabilities that may be exploited by Tomiris.



Implement strong authentication and access controls, including two-factor authentication and privileged account management, to reduce the risk of unauthorized access to sensitive systems and data.



Educate employees on how to recognize and report suspicious activity, including phishing emails and other social engineering tactics used by Tomiris and other APT groups. Regular security awareness training can help improve overall cybersecurity posture.

## Potential MITRE ATT&CK TTPs

<b><u>TA0001</u></b> Initial Access	<b><u>TA0002</u></b> Execution	<b><u>TA0004</u></b> Privilege Escalation	<b><u>TA0005</u></b> Defense Evasion
<b><u>TA0006</u></b> Credential Access	<b><u>TA0007</u></b> Discovery	<b><u>TA0011</u></b> Command and Control	<b><u>TA0010</u></b> Exfiltration
<b><u>T1059</u></b> Command and Scripting Interpreter	<b><u>T1068</u></b> Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	<b><u>T1566</u></b> Phishing	<b><u>T1027</u></b> Obfuscated Files or Information
<b><u>T1189</u></b> Drive-by Compromise	<b><u>T1041</u></b> Exfiltration Over C2 Channel	<b><u>T1127</u></b> Trusted Developer Utilities Proxy Execution	<b><u>T1110</u></b> Brute Force
<b><u>T1105</u></b> Ingress Tool Transfer	<b><u>T1049</u></b> System Network Connections Discovery		

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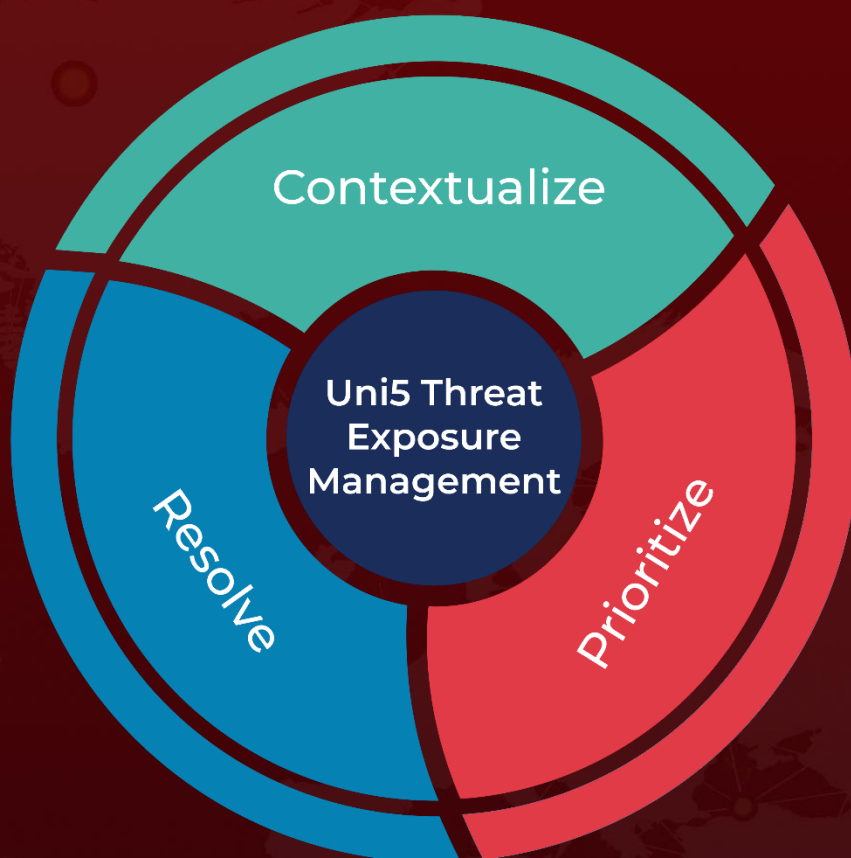
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