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Targeting Turkish-Georgian Relations: Russian Disinformation is Taking a Local Turn | RUSI

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Having scored only limited success in their anti-Western disinformation campaign in Georgia, Russian propaganda outlets are now attempting to fuel hostile attitudes between Tbilisi and Ankara with newly invented arguments.

The so-called Second Nagorno-Karabakh War conducted between Armenia and Azerbaijan last year has given Russia a strategic opportunity to increase its presence in the South Caucasus and portray itself as the main peace and security provider in the region. Moreover, the absence of Western engagement in the conflict resolution process between Armenia and Azerbaijan has further contributed to the shaping of a Russian narrative that portrays the South Caucasus region as Moscow's backyard.

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