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#BringBackOurInternet

Pushback vs Censorship

Fighting Internet Shutdowns in Africa



BEFORE WE DIVE INTO THE SUBJECT,

What is Internet Sans Frontières ?

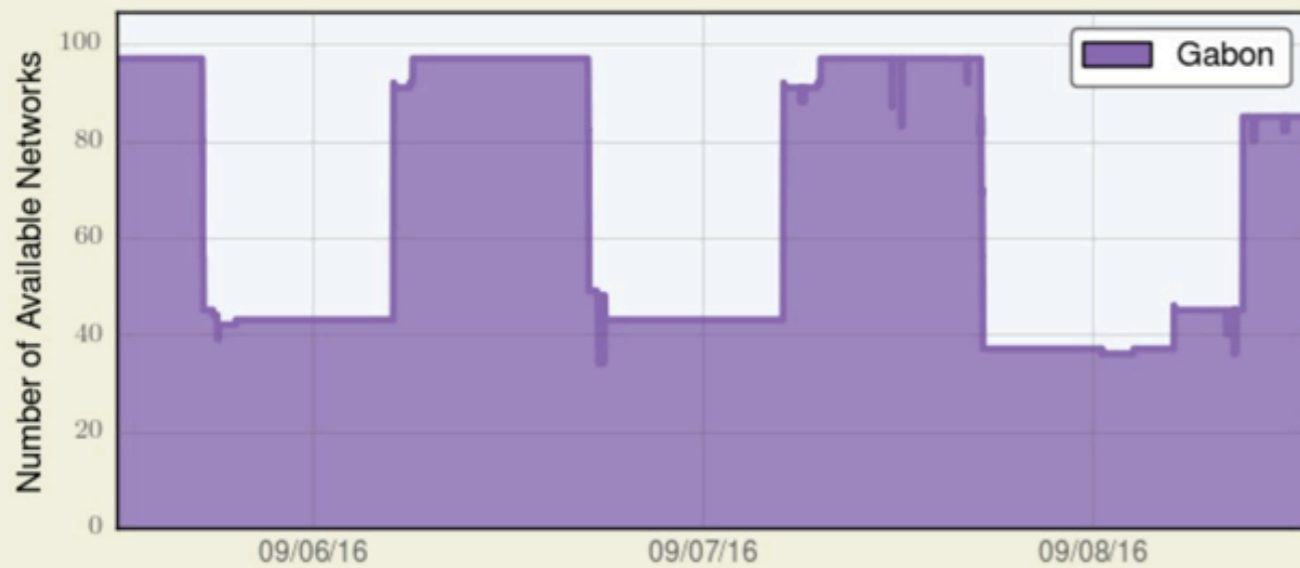
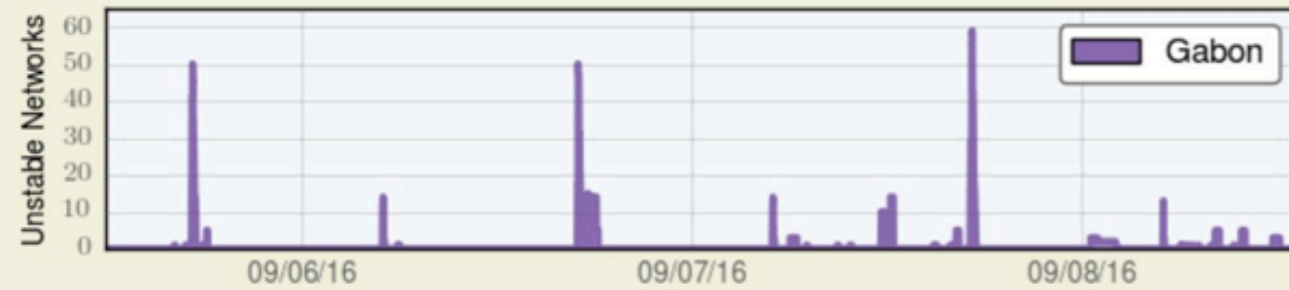
It's a French non-profit organization, and a network of local organizations in Africa and LAC

How we have been fighting censorship

- We saw a trend emerging in 2016
 - Joined Keepiton
 - Shutdowns are multifaceted, require multi disciplinary approach
 - Work with local partners and organizations
 - Connect them to the measurement community, and the broader keepiton community
 - Intersect issues
 - Anticipate : Political events, debates on social media, hate speech, disinformation, etc
 - Train communities
 - Educate governments
 - Work with telcos
 - Continue the process
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Outages and Instabilities

September 05, 2016 - September 08, 2016 Times in UTC



Source: BGP Data



GABON IN 2016

Internet Curfews

We exposed The first ever Internet curfews ever witnessed

#BringbackOurInternet : a model for campaign against Internet shutdowns



Partnership with OONI helped identify wide censorship during Mali presidential election



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Mali: Social media disruptions amid 2018 presidential election?

Maria Xynou (OONI), Julie Owono (Internet Sans Frontieres), 2018-07-31

INTERNET AU TCHAD

Qualité: Médiocre
Prix: Exorbitant!

Réseaux Sociaux: Coupés depuis le 28 mars 2018!

Les responsables:



Le Gouvernement



Tigo



Airtel



#Maalla_Gatétou

Internaute tchadien lèves toi pour Internet
Acte 1 : 19 janvier 2019

CAMPAIGN IN CHAD

1 year Social media censorship in Chad

Access restored after our campaign

Thank you :)
