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# Palestinian Digital Rights September 2024

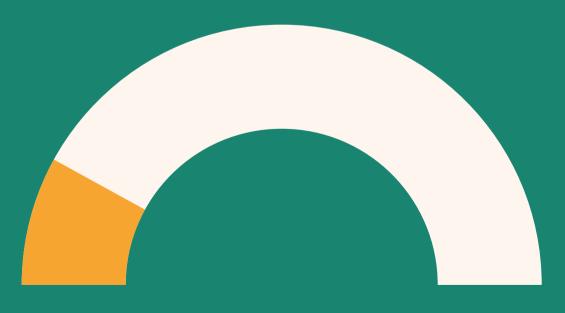
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#### **Ongoing Censorship of Palestinian Content**

Incidents of digital violations against Palestinians have persisted, primarily stemming from actions emanating from social media companies. Throughout the month of September, 7amleh meticulously documented a total of 424 violations. These encompassed 68 instances of censorship, 356 cases involving the dissemination of violent and harmful content and behaviors within the digital realm.



- Accounts suspension and restriction
- Hate speech, misleading information, and others



#### Among the various forms of censorship of Palestinian content, the most imposed measures are account suspensions and restrictions

A range of punitive actions enforced upon Palestinian accounts exhibited a varied distribution across different social media platforms. Notably, the foremost repercussion involved the suspension of accounts, totaling 30 violations. Subsequently, there were 16 instances of account restrictions observed over the past month.

Other

Account

Content removal was identified as a penalty in 17 cases. Furthermore, 2 cases warning were recorded. remaining forms of penalties accounted for a collective total of 3 violations.



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## Among the forms of digitally harmful content and practices, most are in the form of hate speech and incitement

7amleh recorded a total of 356 instances of inflammatory content, predominantly originating from Israeli users. Most prominent was inciting content, with 304 instances. This was followed by 31 instances of hate speech. Furthermore, there were 10 false accusations/instances of smearing. Additionally, a combined total of 7 violations involved account hacking and blackmail. Fake news constituted further 4 violations.



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#### Meta accounted for more Censorship and Spread of Harmful Content than any other Social Media Company

7amleh meticulously tracked and recorded violations and harmful content across diverse social media platforms. Among these, Meta, encompassing its three primary platforms, was responsible for a significant portion, with 140 violations. Within this category, Facebook constituted 77 violations, Instagram contributed 62, and WhatsApp displayed one violation. Alongside these findings, 7amleh documented 273 violations on X, 9 on TikTok, and one on YouTube. The remaining platforms collectively accounted for one violation.



X



**Others** 

**140** 

273

9



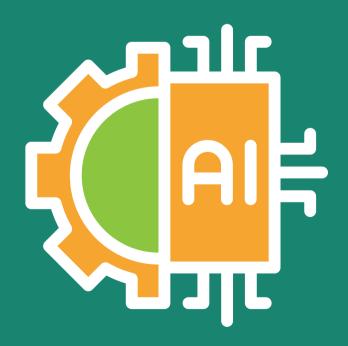
## The majority of pages and accounts that were subjected to violations belong to personal accounts

In the last month, personal accounts (profiles) faced 42 instances of content takedown or suspension/restriction, while pages encountered 24 violations, and channels and other account types experienced 2 violations. In terms of harmful content such as hate speech, violence, and harmful digital behaviors, there were 343 instances posted by personal accounts (profiles), and 12 instances posted by pages, while one instance was posted by groups.



#### **Al Violence Indicator**

7amleh's Al language model has successfully detected around half a million instances of violent and hateful content in the Hebrew language across various social media platforms during the reporting period. This content specifically targets Palestinians and advocates for Palestinian rights.





#### Digital violations In Jerusalem

Of all the violations of Palestinian digital rights, 7amleh documented 10 violations in the city of Jerusalem.



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