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# Violations against Palestinian Digital Rights

Incidents of digital violations against Palestinians have persisted, primarily stemming from actions emanating from social media companies. Throughout the month of February, 7amleh meticulously documented a total of 258 violations. These encompassed 79 instances of censorship, 179 cases involving the dissemination of violent and harmful content and behaviors within the digital realm.

Source: 7or



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

#### Among the various forms of censorship on 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 33 violations. Subsequently, there were 13 instances of account restrictions observed over the past month. Content removal was identified as a penalty in 17 cases. Furthermore, 5 cases of warning were detected. The remaining forms of penalties accounted for a collective total of 11 violations.

Source: 7or - The Palestinian Observatory of Digital **Rights Violations** Content Account Suspension Restriction If you encounter any violations, report to: 7or.7amleh.org

Other

Warning

Removal

# Among the forms of digitally harmful content and practices, most are in the form of Hate Speech and Incitement

7amleh recorded a total of 179 instances of hate & violent content, predominantly originating from Israeli users. Most prominent was inciting content, with 119 instances. This was followed by 10 instances of hate speech. Furthermore, there were 41 false accusations/instances of smearing. Additionally, a combined total of 9 violations involved account hacking and blackmail.



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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 142 violations. Within this category, Facebook constituted 61 violations, Instagram contributed 77, and WhatsApp displayed 2 violations. Alongside these findings, 7amleh documented 81 violations on X, 17 on TikTok, and 17 on Telegram. The remaining platforms collectively accounted for 1 violation.



# The majority of violated pages and accounts belong to personal profiles

In the last month, personal accounts (profiles) faced 55 instances of content takedown or suspension/restriction, while pages encountered 20 violations, and channels and other account types experienced 4 violations. In terms of harmful content such as hate speech, violence, and harmful digital behaviors, there were 146 instances posted by personal accounts (profiles), and 15 instances posted by pages, in addition to 18 channels implicated in similar activities.



### Digital violations In Jerusalem

Of all the violations of Palestinian digital rights, 7amleh documented 8 violations in the city of Jerusalem.

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