169 violations against Palestinian Digital Rights April 2024

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 April, 7amleh meticulously documented a total of 169 violations. These encompassed 66 instances of censorship, 103 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

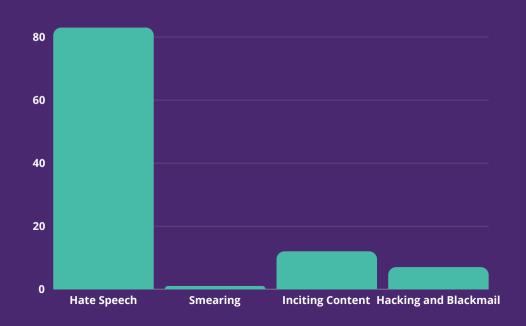
Among the various forms of censorship of Palestinian content, the most imposed measures are account suspensions and restrictions

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 28 violations. Content removal was identified as a penalty in 19 cases. Subsequently, there were 13 instances of account restrictions observed over the past month. Furthermore, 6 cases of warning were recorded.



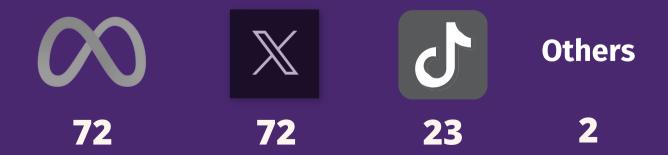
Among the forms of digitally harmful content and practices, most are in the form of hate speech and incitement

7amleh recorded a total of 103 instances of inflammatory content, predominantly originating from Israeli users. Most prominent was inciting content, with 83 instances. This was followed by 12 instances of hate speech. Furthermore, there were 1 false accusations/instances of smearing. Additionally, a combined total of 7 violations involved account hacking and blackmail.



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 72 violations. Within this category, Facebook constituted 46 violations, Instagram contributed 25, and WhatsApp displayed one violation. Alongside these findings, 7amleh documented 72 violations on X, 23 on TikTok, and two violations on other platforms.



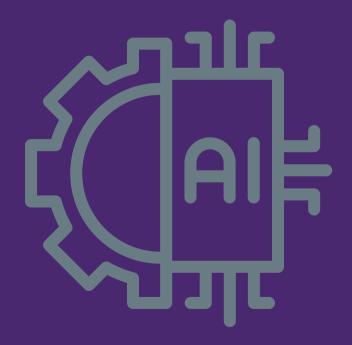
The majority of pages and accounts that were subjected to violations belong to personal accounts

In the last month, personal accounts (profiles) faced 44 instances of content takedown or suspension/restriction, while pages encountered 25 violations. In terms of harmful content such as hate speech, violence, and harmful digital behaviors, there were 99 instances posted by personal accounts (profiles), and three instances posted by pages, in addition to one channel implicated in similar activities.



AI language model

7amleh's AI language model has successfully detected over 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.



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

Digital violations In Jerusalem

Of all the violations of Palestinian digital rights, 7amleh documented 11 violations in the city of Jerusalem. Six of the violations were in the form of content/accounts restriction and removals in addition to five violent contents against Jerusalemites.



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