



Twitch, Facebook, YouTube and MediaFire removed Myanmar junta propaganda accounts

Big Tech must do more to block the junta from using their platforms

Justice For Myanmar welcomes recent action by Twitch, Facebook, YouTube and MediaFire to take down Myanmar junta propaganda accounts that are operated by the junta's Ministry of Information and the army's Directorate of Psychological Warfare and Public Relations.

The takedown of junta-controlled propaganda accounts follows Justice For Myanmar's letters to the tech companies, raising significant sanctions compliance and human rights concerns over the continued provision of products and services for the accounts, and ongoing civil society pressure.

The Myanmar military has a long-standing track record of using state-controlled media and propaganda channels to spread hate speech against the Rohingya, incite violence against civilians, and spread disinformation, including about the junta's sham election slated for December 2025 and January 2026.

The Amazon-owned video platform Twitch has removed accounts that were livestreaming 14 Myanmar Radio and TV (MRTV) and Myanmar Radio channels on its website and mobile apps that are hosted in the Google and Apple app stores. Twitch also removed the Myanmar International TV (MITV) livestream that was embedded on the MITV website.

MITV, MRTV, and Myanmar Radio are all operated by the junta's Ministry of Information. MRTV primarily broadcasts in Burmese for a Myanmar audience, while MITV broadcasts in English and is aimed at influencing foreign audiences.

The MRTV website and apps were launched by war criminal and junta head Min Aung Hlaing in a 2022 ceremony that touted the livestreaming feature. While the junta initially responded to the Twitch account removals by creating new channels for continued livestreaming, Twitch has proceeded to shut down multiple other accounts reported by Justice For Myanmar.

Facebook terminated the MITV page and YouTube, which is owned by Alphabet, removed an account of the junta's Ministry of Information from its platform. However, YouTube has so far refused to remove an MITV account.

Facebook and the filesharing site MediaFire both terminated accounts of Yadanabon Newspaper, a publication linked to Myawady Newspaper that is run by the Myanmar army's Directorate of Psychological Warfare and Public Relations. The army was using MediaFire to host PDFs of its propaganda newspaper that were shared on its Facebook account.

Facebook's actions are in line with its ban on military controlled state and media entities, which it put in place in February 2021, following the military's illegal coup attempt.

The termination of junta propaganda accounts is an important step to undermine the its capacity to spread propaganda both to the Myanmar public and to foreign audiences.

The junta accounts reported by Justice For Myanmar are controlled by individuals and entities that have been sanctioned in multiple jurisdictions, including the U.S., UK, EU, Canada and Australia.

Letters were also sent to Alphabet (the parent company of Google), Apple, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), Telegram, Cloudflare and ApkPure. To date, these tech providers have yet to take action against the remaining junta propaganda accounts flagged.

Justice For Myanmar urges all tech companies to take down junta propaganda accounts and block the junta from using their platforms.

The Myanmar junta's propaganda campaign

The Myanmar junta is intensifying its efforts to produce and disseminate propaganda and disinformation ahead of its sham election set to take place in stages in December and January.

Big Tech is an essential means for the junta to spread fear to Myanmar people in an attempt to mobilise votes, repress criticism and manufacture false legitimacy.

In the run up to its sham election, the junta has been committing an increasing number of serious international crimes, including arbitrary arrests, torture and indiscriminate airstrikes.

On December 10, 2025, the junta carried out an airstrike on the Mrauk-U General Hospital in Arakan State, killing dozens of civilians. Healthcare workers, patients and a baby were among the dead. In response to international criticism, including from the UN and the World Health Organisation, the junta falsely claimed that no civilians were killed. The junta widely disseminated these claims on social media platforms, including Telegram, X, TikTok and apps hosted on Apple and Google app stores.

Military junta propaganda accounts identified by Justice For Myanmar also use language that dehumanises Rohingya. Tech companies have allowed this despite findings by the UN Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar in 2018 that hate speech published on some of the same media directly contributed to atrocities against the Rohingya and indicate genocidal intent.

The junta's propaganda channels currently using international tech platforms' products and services also regularly relay speeches, in video, audio and text, of sanctioned individuals, including junta head Min Aung Hlaing. This includes speeches justifying the illegal attempted coup in February 2021 and the commission of international crimes.

Justice For Myanmar spokesperson Yadanar Maung says: "Propaganda is a pillar in the junta's campaign of terror and the junta has been able to continue to spread propaganda through Big Tech.

"It is unacceptable that tech companies are still providing platforms, products and services to a criminal military junta that is committing the worst crimes known to humanity, with total impunity.

"The junta is using these platforms to spread propaganda as it intensifies its campaign of terror in the lead up to its sham election.

"It is essential that these companies act now and terminate Myanmar military junta propaganda accounts and, in doing so, uphold human rights, protect users and ensure full compliance with international sanctions."

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