

In war zones, social media disinformation is costing lives | WIRED UK

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When rioters stormed the US Capitol on January 6, social media platforms could no longer deny their role in undermining democracy. Mark Zuckerberg admitted that the risk of allowing Donald Trump's continued access to Facebook was "too great" after the then-US president appeared to be egging on the insurgents via his social media accounts. Twitter acknowledged that Trump's tweets could "inspire others to replicate the violent acts" against the heart of US democracy.

But Trump is not the only authoritarian leader abusing social media, and America is not the only country to suffer from it. Variations of this story are playing out in the Philippines, Cameroon, Libya and a dozen other countries that rarely hit the headlines.

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