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New Zealand PM Calls On Companies To Prevent Streaming Of Terror Attacks | NPR

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New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern says she was one of many who saw horrifying footage of the March 15 terrorist attacks in Christchurch when the video of it started autoplaying in her social media feed. In the wake of the violence in which 51 people were killed, New Zealand immediately <u>imposed new gun control measures</u> and introduced legislation that would ban most semi-automatic firearms.

Now Ardern is turning her efforts toward another factor in the violence that day: the social media platforms on which the gunman live-streamed his attack.

She's in Paris on Wednesday at a meeting of digital leaders of the <u>Group of Seven</u> nations, working with French president Emmanuel Macron to push an initiative deemed the "Christchurch Call." The agreement asks governments and internet companies to do more to prevent the live broadcast of terrorist attacks, and make sure such content is removed quickly when it does appear.

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