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Russia says it's blocking Facebook in alarming new censorship push | The Verge

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> Russia's communications agency Roskomnadzor announced Friday that it is blocking access to Facebook in Russia. It cited 26 cases of "discrimination against Russian media and information resources by Facebook" since October 2020, in addition to the more recent restrictions Facebook has placed on Russian state media outlets.
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> The block comes after increasing domestic protests over the country's ongoing invasion of Ukraine. Russians have taken to the streets in massive numbers to protest the ongoing invasion, provoking thousands of arrests. The regime has denied any plans to institute martial law, but has issued ongoing threats to outlets that publish information critical of the ongoing war effort, including Wikipedia.
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