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> Over the last 30 days, Thailand's COVID-19 cases have more than [tripled](#) in the wake of a disappointing vaccine rollout, accompanied by [bodies in the street](#), a [violent crackdown on protests](#), and [chilling attacks](#) on civil society. In response, Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha's military government took on the obvious culprit: the press—more specifically, "fake news."
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> "Distorting information to cause a misunderstanding about the emergency situation, which may eventually affect state security," is prohibited, the [government announced](#) in the *Royal Thai Government Gazette*, an official public journal, on Thursday, adding that internet service providers should immediately suspend violators' accounts.
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