



Pavel Durov of Telegram calls his arrest 'misguided'

Description

The arrest of Pavel Durov, the founder and CEO of Telegram, by French authorities has sparked controversy as he called it "misguided" due to allegations of insufficient moderation on the messaging app. Durov, in his first public statement post-detainment, refuted claims that Telegram is an "anarchic paradise," labeling them as "absolutely untrue." The Russian-born billionaire, who also holds French nationality, was taken into custody on 25 August at a Paris airport and charged with suspected complicity in allowing illicit activities on his platform.

Durov criticized the approach of holding him accountable for crimes committed by third parties on the platform, emphasizing that legal action should be taken against the service itself if a country is dissatisfied with an Internet service. He highlighted the importance of not deterring innovators from creating new tools by imposing personal responsibility for potential misuse. While acknowledging that Telegram is not perfect, Durov asserted that the claims of it being an anarchic paradise are false, citing the removal of millions of harmful posts daily.

The messaging app's allowance of groups with up to 200,000 members has raised concerns about the spread of misinformation and illicit content. Despite removing some extremist groups, Telegram's moderation system is criticized for being weaker compared to other social media platforms. Durov admitted to the challenges posed by the platform's rapid user growth and pledged to enhance moderation efforts.

Furthermore, Durov's refusal for Telegram to join international programs targeting child abuse material online has drawn scrutiny. He, currently residing in Dubai, founded Telegram in 2013, with the app being prominent in Russia, Ukraine, and former Soviet Union states. Despite facing bans in Russia over user data disputes, Telegram remains a major social media platform globally.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Controversy** /'kɒn.trə.vɜː.si/ (noun): A prolonged public dispute or debate often concerning a matter of opinion.
2. **Complicity** /kəm'plɪs.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The state of being involved with others in an illegal activity or wrongdoing.
3. **Moderation** /,mɒd.ər'eɪ.jən/ (noun): The process of overseeing or managing content to ensure appropriateness and compliance with standards.
4. **Misinformation** /,mɪs.ɪn.fər'meɪ.jən/ (noun): False or misleading information spread regardless of intent.
5. **Illicit** /ɪ'lɪs.ɪt/ (adjective): Forbidden by law rules or custom; illegal.
6. **Accountable** /ə'kaʊn.tə.bəl/ (adjective): Responsible or answerable for actions or decisions.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. When was Telegram founder Pavel Durov taken into custody by French authorities?

- Option: 25 August
- Option: 10 July
- Option: 5 September
- Option: 20 June

2. What nationality does Pavel Durov also hold besides being Russian-born?

- Option: French
- Option: American
- Option: German
- Option: Chinese

3. What was Pavel Durov charged with by the French authorities?

- Option: Suspected complicity in allowing illicit activities on his platform
- Option: Tax evasion
- Option: Cyber espionage
- Option: Drug trafficking

4. What has Pavel Durov refuted regarding Telegram?

- Option: Claims of it being an "anarchic paradise"
- Option: Claims of it being the safest messaging app
- Option: Claims of it being government-controlled
- Option: Claims of it being a financial scam

5. What has raised concerns regarding Telegram's messaging app?

- Option: Allowance of groups with up to 200,000 members
- Option: Strict moderation system
- Option: Limited user growth
- Option: Lack of harmful content

6. Where does Pavel Durov currently reside?

- Option: Dubai
- Option: Paris



Option: Moscow

Option: London

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 25 August 2. French 3. Suspected complicity in allowing illicit activities on his platform
4. Claims of it being an "anarchic paradise" 5. Allowance of groups with up to 200,000 members 6. Dubai

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the process by which two atomic nuclei combine to form a heavier nucleus?

Option: Fusion

Option: Pellet

Option: Degrade

Option: Locomotion

2. Which prehistoric reptile had wingspans of up to 33 feet?

Option: Implications

Option: Pterosaur

Option: Moderation

Option: Detection

3. Which term is used to describe something that is forbidden by law rules or custom?

Option: Accountable

Option: Anticipated

Option: Illicit

Option: Revamp

4. Which word is used to describe things related to the sky or outer space?

Option: Speculation

Option: Mesmerized

Option: Celestial

Option: Prevailing

5. What is false or inaccurate information especially that which is deliberately intended to deceive?

Option: Flagship

Option: Misinformation

Option: Complicity



Option: Revamp

6. Which term means to give something a new and improved version?

Option: Adaptations

Option: Complicity

Option: Revamp

Option: Detection

7. Which term refers to the power or ability to do something?

Option: Implications

Option: Capabilities

Option: Anticipated

Option: Fusion

8. What is prolonged public disagreement or heated discussion often about a political or social issue?

Option: Locomotion

Option: Pellet

Option: Controversy

Option: Spectacle

9. What term is used to describe something that fills a person with awe or amazement?

Option: Awe-inspiring

Option: Pellet

Option: Degrade

Option: Detection

10. Which word describes things that are related to mysticism or spiritual practices?

Option: Mystical

Option: Anticipated

Option: Detection

Option: Fusion

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The _____ of the rocket engines signaled the start of the space mission.

12. Prisoners are kept in _____ as part of their punishment.

13. The stock market is often influenced by investor _____ about future performance.

14. The long-_____ rainfall brought relief to the drought-stricken region.

15. The new luxury store is the company's _____ location showcasing their best



products.

16. The security system was designed to provide early _____ of any unauthorized access.

17. The criminal was charged with _____ in the theft ring.

18. The rising temperatures are putting many species at risk of _____.

19. Animals develop various _____ to survive in their changing environments.

20. It is important to eat in _____ and maintain a balanced diet for good health.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The nuclear generates power through controlled nuclear reactions.
22. The new law has wide-reaching for businesses and consumers alike.
23. The artist her latest paintings at the gallery opening last night.
24. The early of the virus outbreak helped contain the spread.
25. The audience was by the magician's unbelievable illusions.
26. The moon the path through the dark forest for the travelers.
27. The fireworks display was a dazzling in the night sky.
28. The owl regurgitated a small of undigested bones and fur.
29. Plants have developed various to thrive in different climates.
30. Despite the storm the ship reached its destination with the winds guiding it.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Fusion 2. Pterosaur 3. Illicit 4. Celestial 5. Misinformation 6. Revamp 7. Capabilities 8. Controversy 9. Awe-inspiring 10. Mystical

Gap-Fill: 11. Ignition 12. Confinement 13. Speculation 14. Anticipated 15. Flagship 16. Detections 17. Complicity



18. Extinction 19. Adaptations 20. Moderation

Matching sentence: 1. Reactor 2. Implications 3. Exhibited 4. Detection 5. Mesmerized 6. Illuminated
7. Spectacle 8. Pellet 9. Adaptations 10. Prevailing

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