

Southport killer's video defiance sparks outrage

Description

Australia's internet regulator, eSafety, recently reported that a tech company, X, refused to remove a video of a high-profile stabbing in Sydney despite requests from the authorities. This video was watched by Axel Rudakubana just before he committed a tragic act, murdering three young girls in Southport. Despite other tech firms complying with the request to take down the video, X, owned by Elon Musk, only blocked it in Australia. This allowed Rudakubana to view it minutes before carrying out his deadly attack.

Rudakubana, who has been sentenced to a minimum of 52 years for the murders, had his devices investigated by police after the Southport incident. They discovered that he had deleted his browsing history, except for a search on X for the stabbing of Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel. This violent attack took place during mass at The Good Shepherd Church and was declared an act of terror by the police.

Following the incident, eSafety worked with tech companies such as Google, Microsoft, Snap, and TikTok to remove the video from their platforms. While some companies took proactive steps, X decided to geoblock the footage in Australia, allowing those outside the country or using a VPN to still access it. Despite efforts to have the video removed through legal means, X has not responded to requests for comment.

Vocabulary List:

- 1. **Regulator** /'rɛg.jə.leɪ.tər/ (noun): An official body that supervises or controls a particular area such as a market or industry.
- 2. Violent /'vaɪə.lənt/ (adjective): Involving the use of physical force to cause harm or damage.
- 3. **Compliance** /kəm'plaɪ.əns/ (noun): The act of conforming to a request or demand.

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- 4. Investigated /In'vɛstə,geɪtɪd/ (verb): Examined or looked into the facts of a matter to discover the truth.
- 5. Geoblock /'dʒi:.oʊ.blo:k/ (verb): To restrict access to internet content based on geographical location.
- 6. **Proactive** /,proʊ'æktɪv/ (adjective): Taking action to control or influence a situation rather than just responding to it after it has happened.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Who owned the tech company X that refused to remove the video of the high-profile stabbing in Sydney?



Option: Elon Musk Option: Mark Zuckerberg Option: Bill Gates Option: Jeff Bezos

2. What tragic act did Axel Rudakubana commit after watching the video?

Option: Murdering three young girls in Southport Option: Causing a mass evacuation Option: Robbing a bank Option: Starting a fire

3. Which tech companies did eSafety work with to remove the video from their platforms?

Option: Google, Microsoft, Snap, and TikTok Option: Apple, Samsung, Facebook, and Instagram Option: Amazon, Twitter, Netflix, and LinkedIn Option: Uber, Airbnb, eBay, and PayPal

4. What was the violent incident involving Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel declared by the police? ESL-NEW

Option: An act of terror Option: An accident **Option: Self-defense** Option: A misunderstanding

5. Which tech company blocked the video only in Australia, allowing access from outside the country or using a VPN?

Option: Tech Company X **Option:** Google **Option: Microsoft Option: Snap**

6. What was the minimum sentence Rudakubana received for the murders?

Option: 52 years Option: 20 years **Option: Life imprisonment** Option: 10 years

True-False



- 7. Rudakubana was able to delete all his browsing history before being investigated by the police.
- 8. X responded to requests for comment after the incident.
- 9. The stabbing of Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel took place at a school.
- 10. The video of the high-profile stabbing was promptly removed from all platforms by tech companies.
- 11. eSafety collaborated with Amazon and Twitter to remove the video.
- 12. X was the only tech company that geoblocked the footage in Australia.

Gap-Fill

13. Axel Rudakubana was sentenced to a minimum of _ _____ for the murders. CON

14. Tech company X is owned by _____

15. The violent attack involving Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel was declared an act of terror by the

16. The video of the high-profile stabbing was allowed to be accessed from outside Australia or by using a

17. Despite legal efforts, X has not responded to ______ for comment.

18. eSafety collaborated with Google, Microsoft, Snap, and ______ to remove the video

from platforms.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Elon Musk 2. Murdering three young girls in Southport 3. Google, Microsoft, Snap, and TikTok 4. An act of terror 5. Tech Company X 6. 52 years True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. True Gap-Fill: 13. 52 years 14. Elon Musk 15. police 16. VPN 17. requests 18. TikTok



Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What term is used to describe the practice of giving money and time to help make life better for others?

Option: Philanthropy Option: Urbanization Option: Prowess Option: Compliance

2. Which word means important or impactful?

Option: Acceleration **Option: Significant Option: Predictions Option:** Imbalance

3. Who are individuals who have the power to affect purchase decisions of others? ESL-NEWS

Option: Managing Option: Trends Option: Influencers Option: Proactive

- 4. Which word describes something deep or intense?
 - **Option: Profound Option: Mitigating Option: Geoblock Option: Territory**
- 5. What term is used to refer to things that involve more than one country?

Option: Unprecedented Option: Balancing Option: Regulator Option: International

6. Which term refers to conforming to a rule such as a law or regulation?

Option: Territory Option: Violent Option: Compliance **Option: Proactive**

7. What term is used to describe the process of dealing with or controlling things or people?



Option: Reconsider Option: Executive Option: Managing Option: Displaying

8. What term is used to describe something that involves or is characterized by physical force intended to hurt damage or kill someone or something?

Option: Predictions Option: Trends Option: Violent Option: Imbalance

9. Which term is synonymous with "unprecedented"?

Option: Unexpected Option: Acceleration **Option: Profound Option: Philanthropy**

10. What term describes the act of making an educated guess about what will happen in the future? Jue: ESL-NEWS

Option: Balancing **Option: Predicting Option: Trends Option: Regulator**

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

11. Being	in addressing potential issues can prevent problems from occurring in
the first place.	
12. Rapid	can lead to overcrowding and strain on infrastructure.
13. The company expanded its ope	rations into new to reach a wider market.
14. The new policy was widely	for its lack of clarity and fairness.
15. Technological	has transformed the way we live and work in recent years.
16. Effective leadership involves	resources and people to achieve organizational
goals.	



- 17. Some websites use _______ to prevent access from certain regions.
- 18. Data analysis plays a crucial role in ______ market trends and consumer behavior.
- 19. Proactive measures are essential for ______ risks and minimizing potential damages.
- 20. Companies must ensure strict ______ with data protection regulations.

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

21. Technology has been in improving communication and efficiency in the workplace.

22. She the family business from her parents and continues to run it successfully.

23. The government implemented policies to control the growth of the country's .

24. The consequences of climate change are by vulnerable communities around the world.

25. It is wise to your options before making a decision.

26. The top of the company are responsible for setting the organization's strategic direction.

27. She exceptional leadership skills during the crisis.

28. Successful companies often have competitors who act as copying their strategies.

29. The growing wealth gap has created an in society.

30. The government agency acts as the to ensure compliance with industry standards.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Philanthropy 2. Significant 3. Influencers 4. Profound 5. International 6. Compliance 7. Managing 8. Violent 9. Unexpected 10. Predicting

Gap-Fill: 11. proactive 12. urbanization 13. territory 14. criticized 15. acceleration 16. managing 17. geoblock 18. predicting 19. mitigating 20. compliance

Matching sentence: 1. instrumental 2. inherited 3. population 4. borne 5. reconsider 6. executive 7. displayed 8. imitators 9. imbalance 10. regulator

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