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Britain's plan to police the internet has left politicians in a stand-off with WhatsApp

Britain's tough new plan to police the internet has left politicians in a stand-off with WhatsApp and other popular encrypted messaging services. Deescalating that row will be easier said than done.

The Online Safety Bill, the United Kingdom's landmark effort to regulate social media giants, gives regulator Ofcom the power to require tech companies to identify child sex abuse material in private messages.

But the proposals have prompted Will Cathcart, boss of the Meta-owned messaging app, whose encrypted service is widely-used in Westminster's

own corridors of power, to claim it would rather be blocked in the U.K. than compromise on privacy.

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Israel Independence Day cyberattack takes down major news website

The websites of major Israeli news outlet Maariv, sister publication of The Jerusalem Post, was taken offline on Wednesday, Israeli Independence Day, in a DDoS cyberattack.

Credit for the cyberattack was claimed by the group Anonymous Sudan. The group said the attack was meant to coincide with Independence Day.

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Tech Joke of The Week

Autocorrect can go straight to he'll.



UK school hit by ransomware attack

Hardenhuish School in Chippenham, Wiltshire, has been hit by a ransomware attack, where hackers gain access to IT systems and demand a ransom in return for restored access.

In a statement, the school said it is still experiencing disruption while specialists work on a resolution.

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Ukrainian man arrested for selling data on 300 million people to Russians

A 36-year-old Ukrainian citizen was arrested this week for allegedly selling the personal data of over 300 million people to Russia, the Ukrainian cyber police said in a statement.

The man used the messaging app Telegram to market the stolen information, which included passport data, taxpayer numbers, birth certificates, driver's licenses, and bank account data belonging to citizens of Ukraine and various European countries. He would sell access to the data for anywhere between \$500 and \$2,000, depending on the amount and type of information desired.

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