

Canada stops advertising with Facebook and Instagram in news row

Canada's federal government has said it will pull all its advertising from Facebook and Instagram.

It follows parent company Meta's move to restrict news content for Canadians after parliament passed a law that will force tech firms to pay media for news.

Canadian officials said on Wednesday that they stand by the law and will not be "intimidated" by Meta.

They said they have been in contact with other countries who plan to pass similar laws.

Google has also announced plans to block Canadian news in the country in response to the Online News Act - also known as Bill C-18 - when it takes effect in about six months.

But Canadian officials said they are hopeful they can successfully negotiate a deal with Google's parent company Alphabet that will prevent the block from going ahead.

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