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HI-TECH PLATFORM SET-UP TO CURB FAKE NEWS

- Government has set-up a hi-tech monitoring and evaluation platform in an effort to ramp up state capacity to monitor and respond to misinformation and fake news proliferating during the COVID-19 outbreak.
- In a statement, acting Communication Minister Jackson Mthembu said the intervention is being put in place to assess complaints and reports from the media, the public and other sectors of society. The platform has the ability to take down fake news items on a range of platforms and submit cases to the SAPS for investigation and prosecution.
- The Ministry said once fake news items or social media posts have been identified, platform owners are notified to bring down the posts.
- Complaints can be channeled through the Real411 website: www.real411.org
- Or the Whatsapp line: **067 966 4015**.
- Minister Mthembu reminded the public that the spreading of fake news or disinformation about COVID-19 is a punishable offence.
- For the full article visit: <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/hi-tech-platform-set-curb-fake-news>



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