

Iranian accounts, Russian tactics and Q: Israel has become a disinformation battlefield

Recent takedown of fake accounts linked to Iran joins long list of cyberattacks, influence campaigns and disinformation ops: 'We're seeing techniques revealed by Mueller deployed against Israel'

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Inbal Orpaz, a disinformation researcher from Israel's **Institute for National Security Studies**, notes that the fake Black Flag operation – stylized as BB (Black Banner) – also maintained a group on Telegram with a large number of users. There, alongside organic content lifted from real activist groups, content that aimed to incite against the police was prevalent in what she said was a classic example of an attempt to stir tensions.

On an **INSS** podcast dedicated to disinformation and Israeli national security, Dr. **Raz Zimmt**, an expert at the institute focused on Iran, told Orpaz and co-host Tomer Shadmy that the operation was “an attempt to enhance and amplify inherent weakness and schisms in Israeli society – which they know to be divided along political, ethical and religious lines.

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