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Kremlin's 'doppelganger' propaganda so convincing it is hard to tell from real news

Russia stokes tensions in Gaza with articles which mimic the layout of established news sites to spread anti-Western disinformation

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A Kremlin “doppelganger” campaign using mocked-up versions of real news sites to issue false reports is stoking global tensions over the war in Gaza, experts have said.

Russia has flooded the internet with articles that mimic the layout of established news sites to spread anti-Western disinformation, including bogus reports about US, British and Ukrainian collaboration with Hamas, according to experts.

[...]

Arkady Mil-Man, a researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies and former Israeli ambassador to Russia, said the bogus articles are used by Russia as part of an “emotional and psychological” war on Ukraine’s Western backers, especially targeting countries where support for Kyiv is ambivalent or divided, such as Israel, the US, France and Germany.

Some articles are highly “sophisticated” replicas of legacy news sites which use “good Hebrew”, Mr **Mil-Man** said.

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