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Title of paper: iMAP (Internet Monitoring Action Project) 2023 Internet Censorship Report

Abstract

As part of the iMAP project which promotes and defends Internet freedoms, these reports aim to report on the monitoring of network interference and restrictions to the freedom of expression online in the region and in each of the countries. Each of the country reports contains background information on socioeconomic state, political landscape, legal environment and reported cases of internet censorship, as well as network landscape and findings of internet censorship based on data collected through OONI (Open Observatory Network Interference). The 2023 edition of the report covers 10 countries: Cambodia, Hong Kong (China), India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam, and the data covers a one-year period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Keywords: freedom of expression online, internet censorship, blocking of websites, Southeast Asia, Hong Kong, India

Full reports/ position papers

The reports have been published on the iMAP website since October 2023:

<https://imap.sinarproject.org/reports/2023>

About Internet Monitoring and Action Project (iMAP)

The Internet Monitoring Action Project (iMAP) aims to establish regional and in-country networks that monitor network interference and restrictions to the freedom of expression online in 10 countries: Myanmar, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam. Sinar Project is currently working with national digital rights partners in these 10 countries. The project is done via Open Observatory Network Interference (OONI) detection and reporting systems, and it involves the maintenance of test lists as well as the collection and analysis of measurements.

More information is available at imap.sinarproject.org.

About Sinar Project

Sinar Project is a civic tech initiative that uses open technology, open data, and policy analysis to systematically make important information public and more accessible to the Malaysian people. It aims to improve governance and encourage greater citizen involvement in the public affairs of the nation by making the Parliament and the Malaysian Government more open, transparent and accountable. More information is available at sinarproject.org.