

## **COMMUNIQUE**

The ICT Authority wishes to inform the public that in response to concerns regarding illegal postings that constitute a serious threat to national security and public safety, it has received directives in the evening of 31 October 2024, to direct all Internet Service Providers to temporarily suspend access to all social media platforms until 11 November 2024.

In accordance and pursuant to section 18(1)(a) of the Information and Communication Technologies Act 2001 (ICT Act) to

"implement the policy of government relating to the information and communication industry,"

and to sections 18(1)(m) of ICT Act to

"take steps to regulate or curtail the harmful and illegal content on the Internet and other information and communication services"

and 17(3) of the ICT Act, the Authority has duly complied with the directive and has instructed all Internet Service Providers accordingly.

The inconvenience caused to the public is regretted.

1 November 2024