Re: Urgent Request: Remove Posts Threatening NDI-Libya Partner on Facebook

[redacted]@ndi.org Zabe Shafi Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 3:16:59 AM Eastern Daylight Time
To: [redacted]@fb.com Teddy Wilhite
Cc: [redacted]@fb.com Khaled Koubaa, [redacted]@ndi.org Brian Giacometti, npark@usaid.gov Nathan Park, [redacted]@ndi.org [redacted]@ndi.org, bwheeler@usaid.gov Brendan Wheeler

Hi Teddy,
Yes we are seeing that the page and posts have been removed. Thank you so much for your help and quick action!

We will continue to reach out to you if anything else comes up.
Best,
Zabe

On Tue, Jul 19, 2022 at 6:23 PM Teddy Wilhite <[redacted]@fb.com> wrote:

> Hi Zabe,
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> Just checking in to confirm the below page and posts were removed (we've actioned them so they should be) -- are you all seeing that on your end as well?
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> Do let us know if anything else pops up.
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> Teddy

From: Zabe Shafi <[redacted]@ndi.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 7, 2022 4:28 PM
To: Khaled Koubaa <[redacted]@fb.com>; Teddy Wilhite <[redacted]@fb.com>
Cc: Brian Giacometti <[redacted]@ndi.org>; Nathan Park <npark@usaid.gov>; [redacted]@ndi.org <[redacted]@ndi.org>; Brendan Wheeler <bwheeler@usaid.gov>
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Hi Khaled,
It looks like the page has been taken down, thanks for your assistance. Unfortunately there's another Facebook page that has put up an identical post, smearing H20 and their staff member, Marwa. We are unsure if the pages are run by the same people or if this is a coordinated attack by several people.

Marwa shared with us that she received an official police report about her being a target of a hate speech campaign (attached). The report names the person that ran the Facebook page that was shut down--Mohamed Moaigal.

We request that Facebook promptly investigates this matter and removes the post/shuts down the page. We expect more of these attacks to take place and will continue to reach out to Facebook to address.

Thank you,
Zabe

On Mon, Jul 4, 2022 at 8:28 PM Brendan Wheeler <bwheeler@usaid.gov> wrote:

> Teddy and Khaled,
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> USAID/Libya is concerned to see that this page continues to post content that we believe is threatening to our partners. We agree with NDI that is this an urgent matter. USAID/Libya also would appreciate an update on the progress of the review your colleagues are conducting.
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> Thanks for your consideration.
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> Brendan

On Mon, 4 Jul 2022 at 4:39 PM Zabe Shafi <[redacted]@ndi.org> wrote:
I'm sharing screenshots from the latest posts as well. Thank you for your assistance on this urgent matter.

On Mon, Jul 4, 2022 at 5:54 PM Zabe Shafi <[redacted]@ndi.org> wrote:
Hi Khaled,
Thank you for the quick response. Do you have any updates for us? The Facebook page is still active and we remain very concerned for our partner's safety.

Thank you,
Zabe

On Sat, Jul 2, 2022 at 11:55 PM Khaled Koubaa <[redacted]@fb.com> wrote:
Dear Brendan,

I already forwarded the content to our team to investigate

I will get back to you if there is anything I can share.

Thank you,

Khaled

From: Brendan Wheeler <bwheeler@usaid.gov>
Sent: Saturday, July 2, 2022 10:53:02 PM
To: Teddy Wilhite <[redacted]@fb.com>; Khaled Koubaa <[redacted]@fb.com>
Cc: Nathan Park <npark@usaid.gov>; Brian Giacometti <[redacted]@ndi.org>; Zabe Shafi <[redacted]@ndi.org>; [redacted]@ndi.org <[redacted]@ndi.org>
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Teddy and Khaled,

USAID/Libya shares NDI's concerns about the content of these posts and the potential risks they pose to our Libyan partner's safety.

We join NDI in requesting that Facebook take prompt action to remove these posts and suspend the page in question.

We request that Facebook keep us updated on its actions in this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Brendan M. Wheeler
Democracy and Governance Officer
USAID/Libya
Libya External Office (Tunis)

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Zabe Shafi** <[redacted]@ndi.org>
Date: Sat, Jul 2, 2022 at 6:34 PM
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To: Teddy Wilhite <[redacted]@fb.com>, Khaled Koubaa <[redacted]@fb.com>
Cc: Brian Giacometti <[redacted]@ndi.org>, Kristi Arbogast <[redacted]@ndi.org>

Hi Teddy and Khaled,
One of NDI's partners in Libya, H20, is receiving threats from this Facebook page, calling for a gathering at the H20 office and posting pictures of road closures and tires burning. We are worried for the safety of our partner organization and particularly the head of the organization, Marwa, who is specifically being targeted.

We kindly request Facebook's quick attention to this and action by removing these posts and suspending the page. Please find attached specifics screenshots of the threats. We are happy to provide any additional information.

Thank you,
Zabe

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