



March 22, 2023

Danny Rayman Labrin and
Gayatri Khandhadai
Business and Human Rights Resource Center
by email

Dear Mr Labrin and Ms Khandhadai,

Thank you for your email of March 15, noting publication of the Human Rights Watch report, “All This Terror Because of a Photo’: Digital Targeting and Its Offline Consequences for LGBT People in the Middle East and North Africa,” stating government officials across the Middle East and North Africa region are targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people based on their online activity on social media.

Our rules are designed to help keep our community safe on our apps, especially those who often feel unsafe or marginalized offline. We don’t allow hate speech based on people’s sexual orientation or gender identity, blackmail or extortion, or content that outs people as members of the LGBTQ+ community.

We’re always working to improve our enforcement, including in Arabic, and we’ve been in touch directly with Human Rights Watch about its report. We also have specific resources dedicated to LGBTQ+ users and communities; more information is available at: [LGBTQ+ safety](#)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Miranda Sissons". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Miranda Sissons
Director, Human Rights