



Media Statement

MISUSE OF AI TO GENERATE HARMFUL CONTENT IS AN OFFENCE – MCMC

CYBERJAYA, 3 January 2026 – The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) has taken note with serious concern of public complaints about the misuse of artificial intelligence (AI) tools on the X platform, specifically the digital manipulation of images of women and minors to produce indecent, grossly offensive, or otherwise harmful content.

MCMC stresses that creating or transmitting such harmful content constitutes an offence under Section 233 of the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 (CMA), which among others prohibits misuse of network or application services to transmit grossly offensive, obscene or indecent content. MCMC will initiate investigations on X users alleged to have violated CMA.

With the enforcement of the Online Safety Act 2025 (ONSA), licensed online platforms and service providers are required to take measures to prevent the dissemination of harmful content online which includes obscene and indecent content and child sexual abuse materials.

While X is not presently a licensed service provider, it has the duty to prevent dissemination of harmful content on its platform. MCMC is presently investigating the online harms in X, and will call in their representatives.

MCMC urges all platforms accessible in Malaysia to implement safeguards aligned with Malaysian laws and online safety standards, especially in relation to their AI-powered features, chatbots and image manipulation tools.

Internet users and victims are advised to report harmful content to the relevant platform and to lodge reports with the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) and MCMC, including via MCMC's online complaints portal.

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