

PRESS RELEASE

MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE INSTRUCTS POFMA OFFICE TO ISSUE TARGETED CORRECTION DIRECTION

The Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Ms Indranee Rajah, has instructed the POFMA Office to issue a Targeted Correction Direction ("TCD")¹ to Meta Platforms, Inc. following the non-compliance of Facebook page "East Asia Forum" with a Correction Direction² issued to them on 13 September 2023.

2 The TCD requires Meta Platforms to publish a Correction Notice to Facebook users in Singapore who access / had accessed the Facebook post of "East Asia Forum" dated 18 August 2023. The Facebook post shared an article by the East Asia Forum, which contained false statements in relation to various matters, including the independence of the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau, and the Prime Minister's approach in addressing certain matters.

3 For the facts of this case, please refer to the Factually article "Corrections regarding false statements of fact in article and post published by East Asia Forum on 18 August 2023" (<https://www.gov.sg/article/factually130923-b>).

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¹ Targeted Correction Direction is a Direction issued to an Internet Intermediary ("II"), whose service was used to communicate a falsehood that affects the public interest. The Direction requires the II to communicate a correction notice by means of its service to all users in Singapore who access the falsehood through its service. This is so that users who see the falsehood on a platform also see the correction notice on that platform.

² A Correction Direction is a Direction issued to a person who has communicated a falsehood (i.e. the recipient) that affects the public interest. It requires the recipient to publish a correction notice, providing access to the correct facts. The Direction does not require the recipient to take down their post or make edits to their content and does not impose criminal sanctions.