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## Pakistan's NCCIA Targets YouTubers for Fake Reporting

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The National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) has initiated action against several YouTubers and social media activists for allegedly spreading misinformation related to the May 9 court proceedings. This move follows a directive from Pakistan's Supreme Court, which called for stricter oversight of digital content that may influence or misrepresent legal processes.

According to NCCIA sources, around 50 social media accounts and YouTube channels have been identified for their involvement in what authorities describe as “negative

propaganda” during the trials connected to the events of May 9. These accounts reportedly circulated false narratives and misleading content aimed at distorting public perception of the ongoing judicial process.

In the first phase of enforcement, the agency has begun issuing formal notices to the individuals behind these online platforms. These notices demand explanations and supporting evidence from the accused parties regarding the content they shared. If the responses are found to be unsatisfactory or evasive, the NCCIA plans to proceed with registering criminal cases under applicable cybercrime and defamation laws.

Officials emphasized that the move is part of a broader initiative to ensure responsible digital conduct and uphold judicial integrity in Pakistan. The agency clarified that the intent is not to target freedom of expression but to prevent the deliberate spread of false or harmful information, especially during sensitive legal proceedings.

Legal analysts have noted that such action by the NCCIA may set a precedent for holding digital content creators accountable for the accuracy and impact of their online posts. The crackdown also aligns with growing concerns in Pakistan over the role of unverified social media content in influencing public opinion and undermining institutional credibility.

The NCCIA is expected to continue monitoring digital platforms in the coming weeks, with further actions likely if additional violations are detected. Social media users have been urged to verify facts before sharing content, particularly when it pertains to ongoing legal matters or national security concerns.

This development highlights the government’s increasing focus on regulating online information channels and curbing misuse of digital platforms for disinformation or politically charged narratives.