

## Clippings :

# Israel Group Running Fake Campaigns in India, Other Nations

A team of Israeli contractors who are feared to have interfered with more than 30 elections around the world have been linked with software to operate fake social media campaigns across several countries, including India, a report said on Wednesday (15/02/2023).

In an international investigation by a journalist consortium including *The Guardian* in the U.K., a firm dubbed "Team Jorge" has been linked with allegedly offering a sophisticated software package named Advanced Impact Media Solutions (Aims) to commercial clients as one of its key services.

The unit is said to be run by Tal Hanan, a 50-year-old former Israeli special forces operative who works privately using the pseudonym "Jorge".

*The Guardian* report said on Wednesday that it had tracked Aims-linked bot activity across the Internet and found it was behind "fake social media campaigns in about 20 countries including the U.K., the U.S., Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Mexico, Senegal, India and the UAE".

The project, part of a wider investigation into the disinformation industry, has been coordinated by Forbidden Stories, a French non-profit with a mission to pursue the work of assassinated, threatened or jailed reporters.