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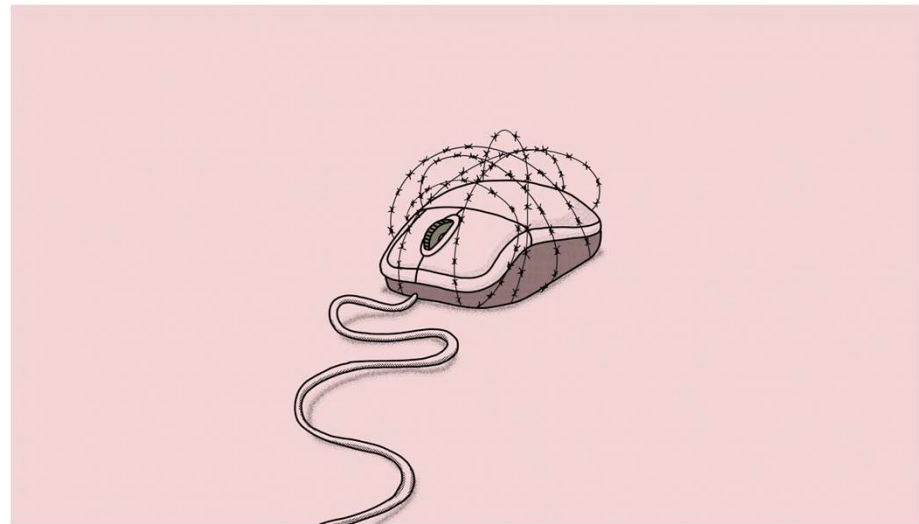
# INSULTS, LEAKS AND FRAUD: DIGITAL VIOLATIONS THRIVE AMID PANDEMIC

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## KEY TRENDS

- The Rise of Biosurveillance
- Censorship and Misinformation
- AI, Inequality and Control
- Erosion of Human Rights

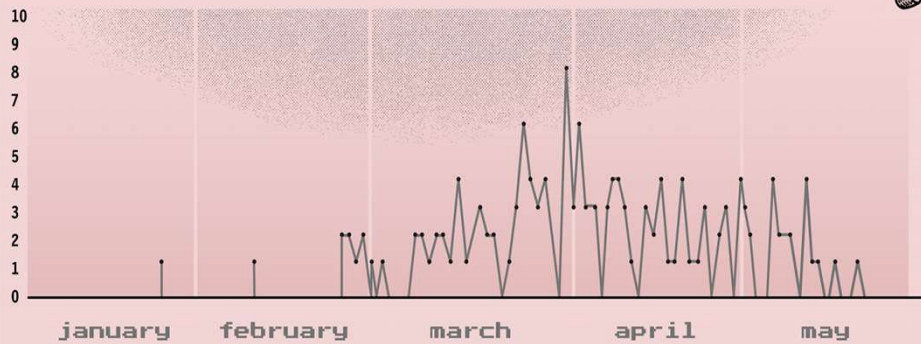


## KEY FINDINGS OF BIRN MONITORING:

- BIRN collected information about 163 cases of breaches of digital rights
- 68 of the cases related to the manipulation in digital environment
- 25 related to publishing falsehoods and unverified information
- the ordinary people were the most affected by such violations
- members of the public being the target in 126 of the cases
- States rarely addressed the abuses arising from these violations, and in 45 cases, the perpetrators were not identified, while 139 of the total of 163 cases were not resolved.

# IN NUMBERS:

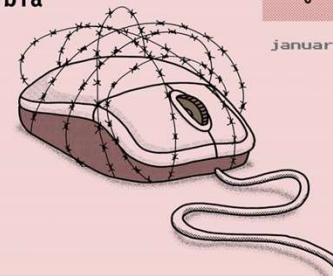
The number of cases per day (26.1–26.5.)



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The number of cases per country/per month

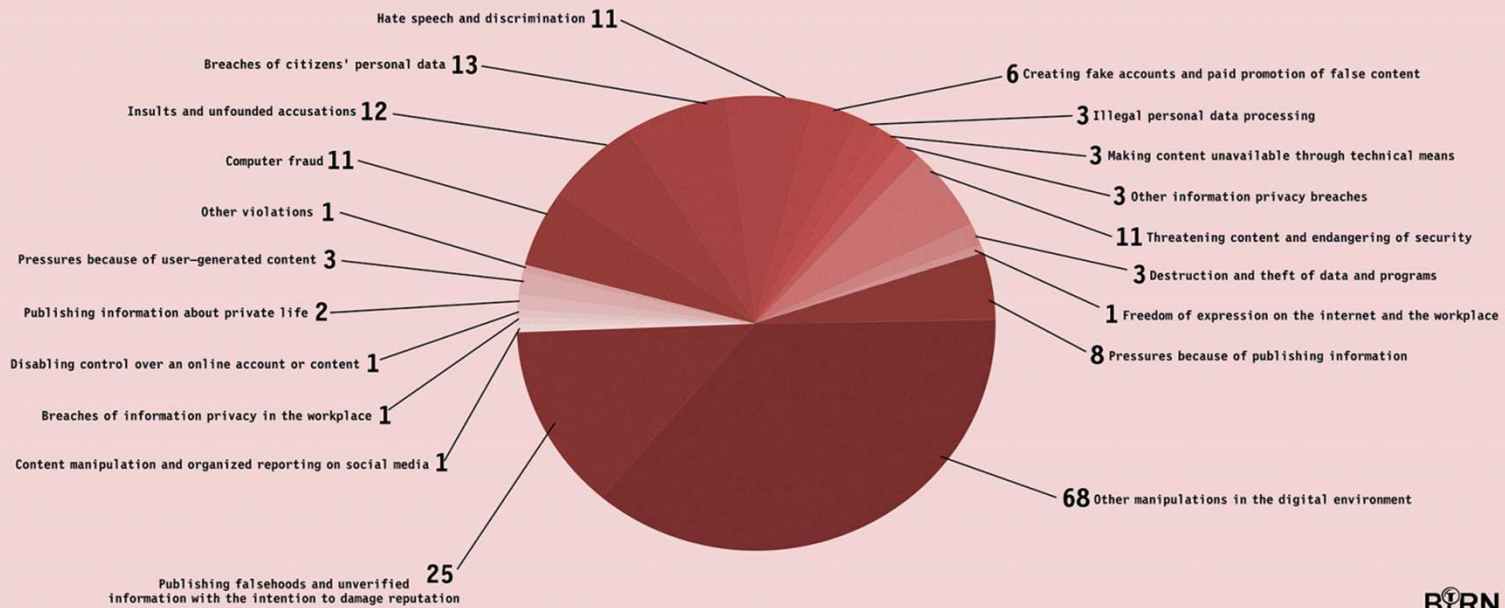
Country	January	February	March	April	May	TOTAL
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	0	9	8	0	18
Croatia	0	1	12	15	3	31
Hungary	0	2	11	9	2	24
North Macedonia	0	1	8	10	5	24
Romania	0	3	6	10	4	23
Serbia	0	1	13	20	9	43



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# TYPES OF VIOLATIONS:

The total number of violations per category



## KEY TRENDS IN SEE:

- Hackers, data breaches and illegal processing
- Threats, hate speech and discrimination
- Pressure and arrests for publishing information
- Misuse or manipulation of information
- The rise of 'unknown' attackers
- Lack of accountability



THANK YOU!

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