

GNSO: NCSG Discussion on DNS Blocking and Human rights

*co-organised with the Civil Society
Alliances for Digital Empowerment (CADE)*



This session will be divided into two distinct parts:

- **Part 1:** Overview of technical methods to restrict access to content via the DNS (DNS Blocking, Domain Takedowns/Suspension)
- **Part 2:** Human Rights Discussion

Session Flow

- I. Welcome & introduction**
- II. SSAC 'teach-in'**
- III. DNS & Censorship: A case study: real-world examples of censorship**
 - Farzaneh Badiei (NCSG, Digital Medusa)
 - Jalal Abukhater, 7amleh
 - Hayder Hamzoz, INSM
 - Michaela Nakayama Shapiro (NCSG, ARTICLE 19)
- IV. Facilitated Panel Discussion**

Freedom of Expression & the DNS: An Exploration



Domain blocks on LetIndiaBreathe.in and FridaysForFuture

In total three acts of web censorship have come to our notice in the past week against environmental groups in India. These include, LetIndiaBreathe.in, FridaysForFuture and ThereIsNoEarthB.com. We are offering details that build from the public statements of LetIndiaBreathe.in and FridaysForFuture.



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Let India Breathe Statement on [#InternetCensorship](#)

Today, we are reaching out to our community and large, diverse base of volunteers to inform them about an unprecedented act of internet censorship. (1/11)
[#InternetFreedom](#) [#DigitalLockdown](#)



January 3 the Operational Analytical Center under the President of Belarus announced that it had decided to suspend the delegation of the domain name baj.by, whose owner was allegedly involved in the detected violations.

.cat Domain a Casualty in Catalanian Independence Crackdown

BY JEREMY MALCOLM | SEPTEMBER 21, 2017



On October 1, a referendum will be held on whether Catalonia, an autonomous region of the northeast of Spain, should declare itself to be an independent country. The Spanish government has ruled the referendum illegal, and is taking action on [a number of fronts](#) to shut it down and to [censor communications](#) promoting it. One of its latest moves in this campaign was a [Tuesday police raid](#) of the offices of puntCAT, the domain registry that operates the .cat top-level domain, resulting in the seizure of computers, the [arrest of its head of IT for sedition](#), and the deletion of domains promoting the October 1 referendum, such as [refoct1.cat](#) (that website is now available at an [alternate URL](#)).

Nicaraguan Gov. Blocks Independent Media from Their Domain

📅 March 14, 2025

Hmm. We're having trouble finding that site.

We can't connect to the server at 100noticias.com.ni.

If you entered the right address, you can:

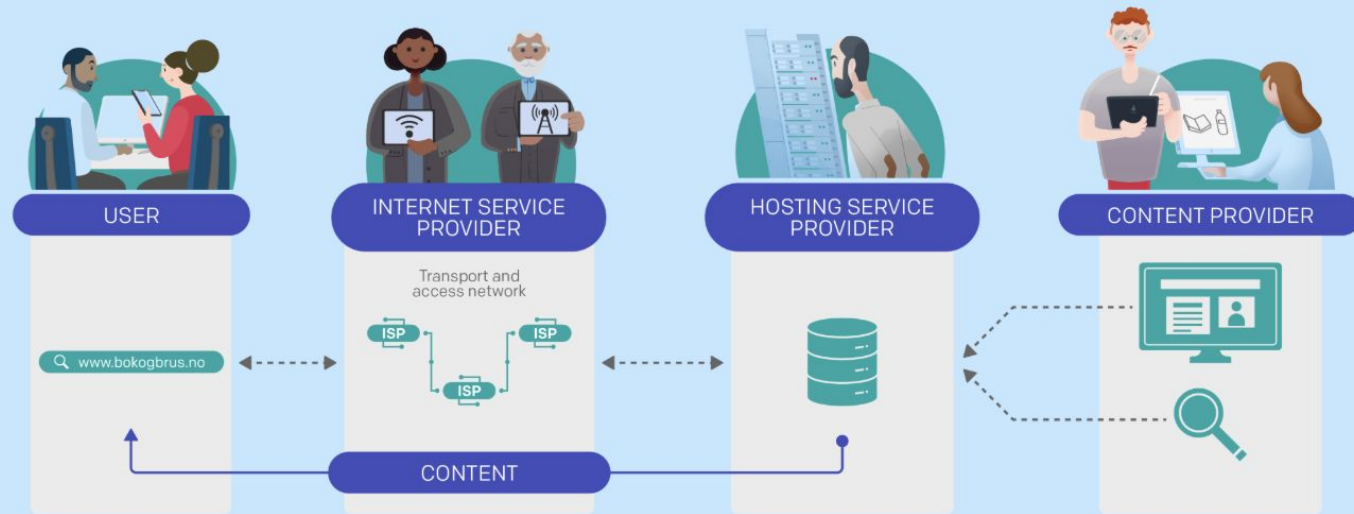
- Try again later
- Check your network connection
- Check that Firefox has permission to access the web (you might be connected but behind a firewall)

Trying to access 100% Noticias

By **Confidencial**

HAVANA TIMES – As of Friday, March 14, the regime of Daniel Ortega and Rosario Murillo moved to block independent media websites from using the domain .ni. Among those affected are *Confidencial*, *La Prensa*, *100% Noticias*, and *Onda Local*.

Many different actors are involved in making content available on the internet for the user



The content provider uploads content to a server at a hosting service provider. Internet service providers transport the content from the server to the user via the internet.