
IN DIVIDED IRAQ, 'ELECTRONIC ARMIES' THREATEN ACTIVISTS, MEDIA

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Iraqi journalists, activists and researchers are facing a wave of accusations and threats by shadowy online groups they suspect are linked to powerful pro-Iran factions.

Parties, armed groups and even officials in Iraq benefit from legions of supporters dubbed "electronic armies", which take to social media to anonymously sing their praises or mock their detractors.

These online rivalries now appear to have been fanned by months of rising tensions pitting Iran against the US and Israel.

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