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THAILAND THREATENS LEGAL ACTION OVER ONLINE MONARCHY CRITICISM

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Thailand has threatened to take legal action over posts critical of the monarchy made on social media platforms as student-led protests calling for greater democracy and curbs to the power of King Maha Vajiralongkorn gather steam across the country.

Digital Economy Minister Buddhipongse Punnakanta ordered the authorities to identify "inappropriate" posts and singled out 114 posts mostly made on Facebook, but also Twitter and YouTube, that may be in breach of the Computer Crimes Act.

"All evidence will be gathered and submitted to court tomorrow," he wrote on Facebook late on Tuesday (Aug 11).

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