

# Iran seeks to work with Facebook against porn

July 24 2012

---

(AP) — A semi-official Iranian news agency says police hope to work with Facebook to fight cyber-crimes and pornography — a turnabout in Tehran's stance toward the social networking giant that it previously banned after activists used it as an organizing tool.

A Tuesday report by ISNA quotes Gen. Kamal Hadianfar, head of [Iran's](#) cyber-police, as saying the country is trying to remove pages on Facebook created by Iranian citizens that promote pornography and prostitution.

Gen. Hadianfar said the plan would be made possible by cooperation from Facebook. He did not elaborate.

Authorities banned Facebook following disputed presidential elections in 2009. Tehran accused websites including [Facebook](#) and Twitter of being enemy media supporting post-election unrest.

Iranian activists used social networks extensively to organize rallies.

Copyright 2012 The Associated Press. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed.

Citation: Iran seeks to work with Facebook against porn (2012, July 24) retrieved 12 May 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2012-07-iran-facebook-porn.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private

study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.