

Egypt prosecutor orders Internet porn ban

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An Egyptian man tries to access a website at an internet cafe. Egypt's state prosecutor has ordered a ban on Internet pornography, after a previous court order to do so was not implemented.

Egypt's state prosecutor on Wednesday ordered a ban on Internet pornography, after a previous court order to do so was not implemented.

State prosecutor Abdel Meguid Mahmud "ordered a block on



pornography sites," his office said in a statement.

The official Al-Ahram newspaper reported on its website that the order was directed at the interior, telecommunications and information ministries to "take steps to block any pornographic pictures or scenes on the Internet."

An administrative court issued a similar order in 2009, ruling that <u>Internet pornography</u> "ruins <u>moral values</u>."

But Egypt, now under the rule of Islamist President Mohamed Morsi, does not appear to have banned any websites, unlike several other countries in the region that have tried to restrict access to political or pornography websites.

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