

Algerian authorities destroy mountain of pirated CDs, DVDs

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In this photo taken Monday, May 23, 2016, a backhoe-loader crushes illegally made CDs and DVDs in the Algerian capital, Algiers. Power shovels and bulldozers have destroyed a huge mound of 2 million illegally copied CDs and DVDs outside Algeria's Culture Ministry, as part of a government pledge to crack down on long-rampant piracy. (AP Photo)

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part of a government pledge to crack down on long-rampant digital piracy.

Musicians and politicians looked on as the machines crushed the goods at Monday's event. Among them was Rai folk music singer Amine Titi, who lamented the ready availability of pirated music online and on disc.

The sale of pirated video games, computer software, films and music was long overlooked by Algerian authorities.

Store owner Daoud Ben Mahdi welcomed the new government effort, saying it's a struggle to stay afloat selling legal movies and music.



In this photo taken Monday, May 23, 2016, Algerian Prime Minister Abdelmalek Sellal, 2nd right, inspects the destruction of illegally made CDs and DVDs in the Algerian capital, Algiers. Power shovels and bulldozers have

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