

Hungary aiming to drive Uber ride-hailing app out of country

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The Hungarian government says it wants to drive out ride-hailing app Uber from the country and is proposing new legislation to crack down on unlicensed passenger transport.

Janos Fonagy, state secretary at the Ministry of National Development, says the aim is to make Uber's activities "impossible in Hungary."

Fonagy, speaking Monday after meeting with representatives of 16 taxi companies and transportation organizations, said Uber was "consciously and cynically breaking every Hungarian law."

Fonagy said parliament was expected to approve government proposals later this month increasing penalties for unlicensed drivers and banning apps like Uber for up to a year.

Taxi drivers have held several demonstrations against Uber and unlicensed [drivers](#), slowing traffic in Budapest and petitioning authorities to crack down on the U.S. company, whose European headquarters are in Amsterdam.

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