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Former US President Barack Obama personally urged Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg to counter the rise of fake news on the social network

during a meeting held shortly after last year's election, the Washington Post reported Sunday.

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"Zuckerberg acknowledged the problem posed by [fake news](#). But he told Obama that those messages weren't widespread on Facebook and that there was no easy remedy," the newspaper said, quoting people it said had knowledge of the exchange.

The report comes days after Facebook announced it would be handing over to Congress advertisements it discovered were bought by Russia-linked fake accounts, aimed at inflaming political tensions ahead of and following the election.

The Kremlin has denied any involvement.

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