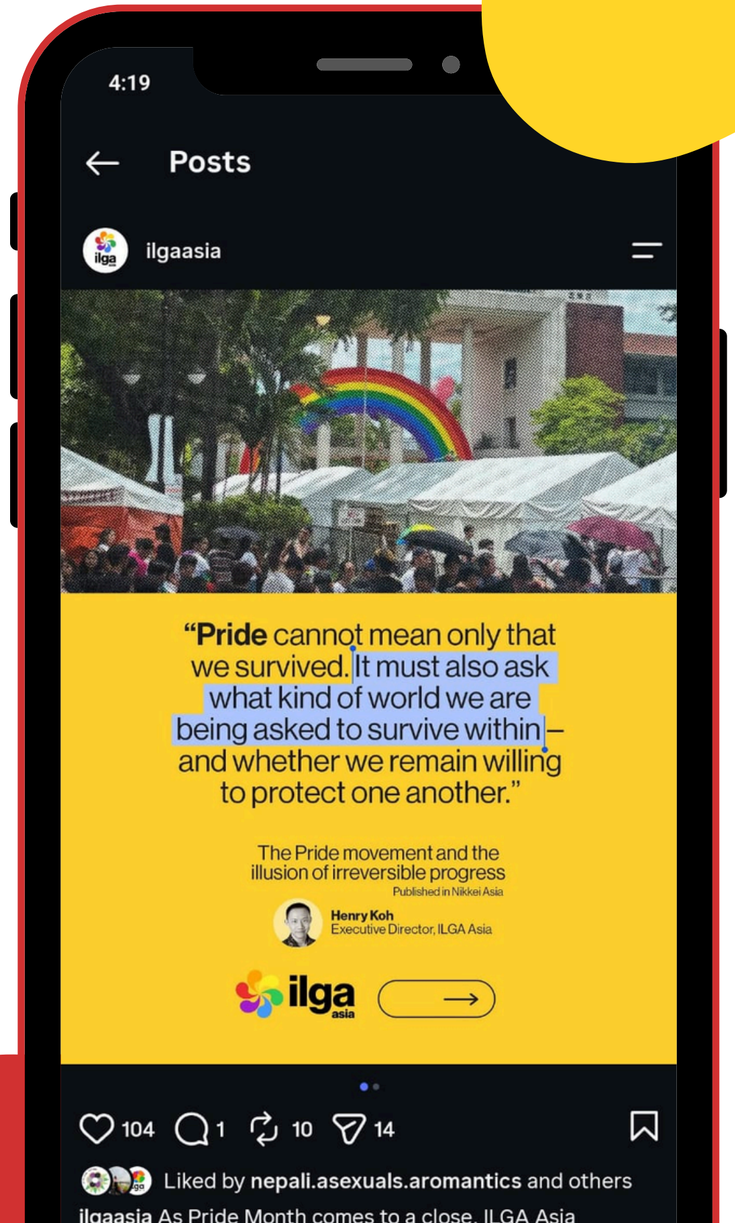
DRAWING THE LINE:

Online Harm, Queer Expression, and Platform Governance in Asia-Pacific



China is arresting writers for posting fanfiction and gay erotica

More than 50 writers have been detained in the province of Anhui by a "special task force" assigned with targeting online distributors of erotic fiction.

Middle East, North Africa: Digital Targeting of LGBT People

Arbitrary Arrests, Torture Follow Online Abuses, Illegal Phone Searches

Two Chinese men detained over AI-generated picture of pandas engaging in same-sex behavior

Arrests part of increased online surveillance, LGBTQ rights crackdown

Iraq bans media from using term 'homosexuality', says they must use 'sexual deviance'

Malaysian government replaces the term 'LGBT' with 'deviant culture'

Authorities said they wanted to prevent the 'normalization' of LGBTQ+ culture

Weaponizing Morality: New Report Exposes Sharp Rise in Censorship of LGBTIQ Publications Under Outdated Malaysian Law

Malaysia blocks same-sex dating sites Grindr and Blued, mulls legal measures to curb LGBTQ+ dating apps

Indonesia's parliament advances revised broadcasting bill

Indonesia Classifies LGBTQ+ Culture A "Non-Military Threat" Alongside Terrorism

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The developments around LGBTIQ censorship in Asia must be understood as a **pattern of invisibilisation and repression** implemented alongside raids, discriminatory laws, restrictions on civil society, and rising online hate.

Spaces where LGBTIQ individuals and activists can express themselves are disappearing, making it harder for activists to document abuse and to challenge decisions that govern their lives.



Thank you

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