Re: Short fuse--FCT FB page inciting threats

[redacted]@meta.com **Brian Rice** Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 10:07:49 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: mescobari@usaid.gov Marcela Escobari, lazurduy@usaid.gov Luis Azurduy, abrockwehl@usaid.gov Alexander Brockwehl
Cc: [redacted]@meta.com Pedro Less, [redacted]@meta.com Sandra Luff[redacted]@meta.com Nicolas Comini

Thanks Marcela—we appreciate the relationship and look forward to continued work with you and the team.

From: Marcela Escobari <mescobari@usaid.gov>
Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 9:40 AM
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Brian,

Thank you for acting on this. We will share this example with our leadership on how we're working together expeditiously on these cases and hope we continue to build these relationships in the field.

All the best,

Marcela

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From: **Brian Rice** <[redacted]@meta.com>
Date: Mon, Dec 5, 2022 at 11:54 PM
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Luis—apologies for the late note. Thank you for reporting the potential violating content from the FB page of Fundación Contra el Terrorismo. As an update, we escalated this Page and the content provided and while the Page as a whole doesn't violate our Standards, one of the posts that was flagged was confirmed violating our Violence & Incitement policies and was removed.

Please let me know if you have any questions—happy to follow up.

Brian

From: Luis Azurduy <lazurduy@usaid.gov>
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Dear FB friends,

I know we have a pending meeting where we'll discuss protocols to address situations similar to these, but wanted to bring the following to your attention:

USAID Administrator Samantha Power reached out yesterday to express concern regarding threats against Guatemalan Judge Yassmin Barrios, a 2014 International Women of Courage awardee.

The Fundacion Contra el Terrorismo (FCT) targeted Judge Barrios most recently in a Nov. 1 and Nov 9 post (see here). FCT is notorious for inciting threats and instigating spurious prosecutions against independent justice operators (see here, for example). Three FCT reps were designated under Sec. 353 by the State Department. Some time ago Twitter deplatformed their LordVader account but their Facebook continues with such content.

In the Guatemalan context, the post regarding Barrios should be understood as a threat. In fact, in many other instances, similar content contributed to judges and prosecutors going into exile. Could you look into it?

Thanks so much and looking forward to coming up with more streamlined procedures between AID and FB.

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