



ROUND-UP OF THE LATEST NEWS

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No action will be taken against Tesla following an investigation by the **Dutch Data Protection Authority (DPA)** into the images captured by the vehicle's cameras used in Tesla's 'Sentry Mode' helps owners protect their vehicles against theft or vandalism, but the DPA claimed that the cars were 'filming everyone who came near the vehicle, and these images were being saved for a very long time'. However, the authority noted that the images were stored in the car, and not shared with Tesla, making the car's owners responsible. Tesla has modified its Sentry Mode to seek approval for filming from owners and flashing the car's lights to indicate to passers-by that they are being filmed.

The digital news and media firm BuzzFeed will begin using **OpenAI** technology for its content. The company claims it will be used to personalise user's experience on the site. Tech Website CNET is reportedly also using an AI tool to generate articles that are later checked by human editors, but the error rate is thought to be relatively high after the platform acknowledged 'limitations'. BuzzFeed has also entered into a deal to bring creators to Meta's platforms.

The European Commission will propose a new law designed to improve enforcement of its privacy legislation, **the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**. Five years after its introduction, critics have noted the inefficiency in the system's ability to tackle major cases. Enforcement is heavily weighted on bodies in Ireland and Luxembourg, where most Big Tech firms are headquartered. The new law will 'aim to harmonise some aspects of the administrative procedure in cross-border cases' and 'support a smooth functioning of the GDPR cooperation and dispute mechanisms', said the Commission. It is expected to be published in the summer.

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The European Commission has also formally announced its consultation on the controversial subject of **network payment fees**. Telecoms companies are seeking contributions from Big Tech as 'customers', while the content platforms argue that 'value flows both ways'. The consultation ends on 19th May.

Google has confirmed that it has begun **blocking access to news content** for some of its Canadian users. It described the action as 'testing potential product responses to Bill C-18', the 'Online News Act' which forces platforms to negotiate commercial deals with news publishers for their content. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau described the move as a 'terrible mistake'.

The European Commission has told its staff to uninstall TikTok from devices that use commission apps. The measure is designed to protect data and systems from '**potential cyber security threats**', and comes amid increasing concerns among governments that the social media app could be forced to share information with the Chinese government.

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