

Musk ramps up attacks on Brazil's top judge as X faces possible suspension, Starlink finances frozen

Tesla, SpaceX and X Corp. leader Elon Musk ramped up his online attacks on Brazilian Supreme Court justice Alexandre de Moraes on Thursday, amid an intensifying political and legal battle between the tech billionaire and his companies, and Brazil's highest court.

De Moraes' court announced on Wednesday that it was ordering Musk and X Corp. to appoint a legal representative for the social media company, formerly known as Twitter, in Brazil within 24 hours, or X would face "penalty of suspension of activities" there.

A suspension of X in Brazil could cause serious business problems for the already embattled social network. Brazil has a population of more than 171 million active social media users, according to market research by Oosga.

The nation is preparing for October municipal elections. And under Brazil's laws, social networks there have to employ someone who can receive and consider government takedown notices about political misinformation.

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