

Telegram CEO Pavel Durov's arrest part of major investigation into app, French officials say

The arrest of Telegram co-founder and CEO Pavel Durov is part of a broader investigation into the social media app that is accused of allowing criminal activity to run rampant while failing to reliably cooperate with law enforcement, French prosecutors said.

Durov, 39, is suspected of being complicit in global drug trafficking, pedophilia and fraud allegedly conducted on Telegram because the company is unwilling to work with police, Paris prosecutor Laure Beccuau said in a statement.

"At the heart of the case is the absence of moderation and cooperation on the part of the platform," Jean-Michel Bernigaud, secretary general of France's Ofmin police agency added in a statement.

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