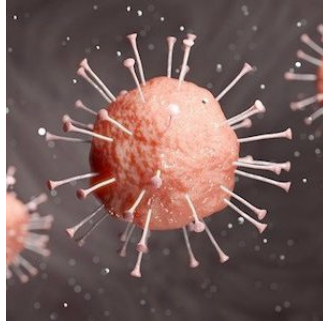


Israel Enables Tech ‘Spy’ Powers to Track COVID-19



Tech powers normally deployed for counter-terrorism are being used to fight COVID-19 in Israel triggering an outcry from civil rights groups.

The government has passed temporary measures to enable its security agencies to track suspected COVID-19 victims via their mobile phones:

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The objective of the measures is to force those with the virus into quarantine and alert people via text who may have had contact with them before symptoms appeared.

Full details on the monitoring have not been released but it is likely Shin Bet, Israel's security agency, is gathering the data from telecommunications companies to pass on to health authorities.

The government has said the move balances human rights and security and will save lives, but civil rights organisations are uneasy.

The measures will be in place for 30 days.

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