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Eye of Hurricane Dorian grazes North Carolina, floods Outer Banks

Cathy McCabe walks amidst the remnants of her damaged house after a tornado spawned by Hurricane Dorian ripped through Carolina Shores, North Carolina

ELIZABETH CITY, N.C. (Reuters) - Hurricane Dorian briefly made landfall on the Outer Banks of North Carolina on Friday, hitting the beach resort with powerful winds and battering waves days after reducing parts of the Bahamas to rubble.

The storm made landfall at Cape Hatteras at about 9 a.m. (1300 GMT) with maximum sustained winds of 90 miles per hour (150 km per hour), according to the National Hurricane Center. That was far weaker than its slow, deadly tour through the Bahamas earlier in the week that caused at least 30 deaths.

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Before the morning was over, Dorian was headed back out to open sea.

The winds swept floodwaters into coastal areas, hitting the Outer Banks' Ocracoke Island particularly hard with a 7-foot (2-meter) storm surge, though there were no serious injuries reported, said Donnie Shumate, a spokesman for Hyde County.

One island resident uploaded a video on social media showing people driving a speedboat down a flooded street. The Outer Banks are a picturesque series of narrow barrier islands known for their beaches, lighthouses and natural beauty.

Ellen and Jon Hildebrand, both 59, left their beach-adjacent house to ride out the storm at an inland hotel in Elizabeth City with their daughter, a college student. They bought the house in the Outer Banks two years ago, making Dorian their first hurricane since then.

"That's the thing that's the most nerve-racking, it's so fluid," Ellen Hildebrand said. "It keeps changing; we didn't know when to leave."
Dorian lashed the Outer Banks with hurricane-force winds as far as 45 miles (72 km) from the eye of the storm and sent tropical storm winds farther than 200 miles (320 km) from its center, the hurricane center said.

Dorian is expected to bring tropical storm winds to Nantucket Island and Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts early on Saturday.

But it will likely spare much of the East Coast the worst of its rain and wind before making landfall in Canada's Nova Scotia that night, the hurricane center said.
The howling west flank of Dorian has soaked the Carolinas since early Thursday, flooding coastal towns, whipping up more than a dozen tornadoes and cutting power to hundreds of thousands of people.
Dorian was expected to pick up speed from its 14 mph (22 kph) crawl on Friday, and life-threatening storm surges and dangerous winds remain a threat for much of the area, the National Hurricane Center said.

The damage appeared to be far less severe than in the Bahamas, where at least 70,000 people are in need of immediate humanitarian relief after Dorian became the most damaging storm ever to hit the island nation.

Of at least four storm-related deaths reported in the United States, three were in Orange County, Florida, during storm preparations or evacuation, the mayor's office said. In North Carolina, an 85-year-old man fell off a ladder while barricading his home for Dorian, the governor said.

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WORLD NEWS

U.S. states launch antitrust probes of tech companies, focus on Facebook, Google

(Reuters) - Two groups of U.S. state attorneys general on Friday announced separate antitrust probes of large tech companies such as Alphabet's Google (GOOGL.O) and Facebook (FB.O).

The first probe, led by New York and including seven other states and the District of Columbia, focuses on Facebook. The second, announced by Texas and likely to include up to 40 other states, did not specify the targets among large tech companies but was expected to center on Google.

Once lauded as engines of economic growth, the companies in social media, Internet search, e-commerce and other digital technologies have increasingly been on the defensive over lapses such as privacy breaches and their outsized market influence.

Politicians including President Donald Trump, consumers, other firms and regulators have criticized that power.

"I'm launching an investigation into Facebook to determine whether their actions endangered consumer data, reduced the quality of consumers' choices or increased the price of advertising," New York Attorney General Letitia James tweeted.

"The largest social media platform in the world must follow the law," she said.

The Facebook probe will include New York, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee and the District of Columbia, (on.ny.gov/2lG1unu).

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office said it was leading an investigation of large tech companies but did not name them.

That probe, likely to include more than 40 state attorneys general, is expected to focus on Google, a source familiar with the matter told Reuters. A second source previously said that the Google investigation would look at the intersection of privacy and antitrust.

On the federal level, the Justice Department and Federal Trade Commission are probing Facebook, Google, Apple (AAPL.O) and Amazon (AMZN.O), also for potential violations of antitrust law.

Trump has called for closer scrutiny of social media firms and Google, accusing them of suppressing conservative voices online without presenting any evidence.

Facebook's shares were down nearly 2% in afternoon trading. Google, Apple and Amazon stocks were virtually unchanged.

Will Castleberry, Facebook's vice president for state and local policy, said after the New York announcement that the company would work constructively with state attorneys general.

"People have multiple choices for every one of the services we provide. We understand that if we stop innovating, people can easily leave our platform. This underscores the competition we face, not only in the United States but around the globe," Castleberry said.

CRITICISMS OVER PRIVACY, MARKET CONTROL

The tech companies have come under fire repeatedly in recent years. Facebook, for example, has been slow to clamp down on hate speech, and it recently paid a $5 billion settlement for sharing 87 million users' data with the now-defunct British political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica. The consultancy's clients included Trump's 2016 election campaign.

FILE PHOTO: A man poses with a magnifier in front of a Facebook logo on display in this illustration taken in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, December 16, 2015. REUTERS/Dado Ruvic/Illustration

FILE PHOTO: Stickers bearing the Facebook logo are pictured at Facebook Inc's F8 developers conference in San Jose, California, U.S., April 30, 2019. REUTERS/Stephen Lam/File Photo

The social media platform, which owns one-time rivals Instagram and WhatsApp and has more than 1.5 billion daily users, has been criticized for allowing misleading posts and so-called "fake news" on its service.

Google has faced accusations that its web search service, which has become so dominant that it is now a verb, leads consumers to its own products at the cost of competitors.

"We look forward to working with the attorneys general to answer questions about our business and the dynamic technology sector," Google spokesperson Jose Castaneda said in an email.

Amazon, the world's biggest online retailer, has been accused of unfair tactics with third-party sellers on its website, who must pay for advertising to compete against first-party and private label sales by Amazon itself.

Apple has come under fire from app developers over practices like making only iPhone apps available through its official App Store. The music-streaming app Spotify (SPOT.N) has alleged that App Store policies make it difficult to compete against Apple Music for paid subscribers.

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Editor's Choice

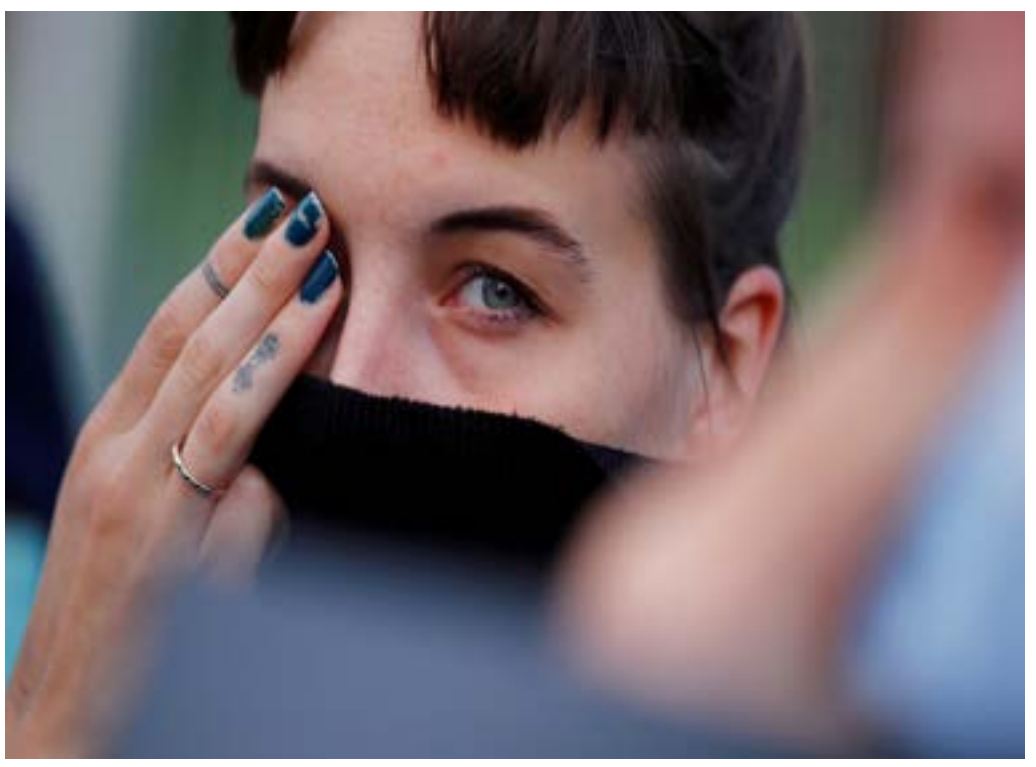
A gust of wind blows away Pope Francis' skullcap as he leaves Ivato International Airport after arriving for a three-day visit, in Antananarivo, Madagascar September 6, 2019. REUTERS/Baz Ratner TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY

The faithful sing in the rain as Pope Francis holds Holy Mass at Zimpeto stadium in Maputo, Mozambique

A train is seen as it is derailed after a collision with a truck in Yokohama, near Tokyo , Japan in this photo taken by Kyodo September 5, 2019. Mandatory credit Kyodo/via REUTERS ATTENTION EDITORS - DAY

Women walk through the rubble in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian in Marsh Harbour

Actor Tilda Cobham-Hervey poses during a special presentation of the biopic about singer Helen Reddy, "I Am Woman", at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), in Toronto, Ontario, Canada September 5, 2019. REUTERS/Mark Blinch TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Activist reacts during a protest for solidarity with Hong Kong's protestors in front of Chancellery in Berlin, Germany, September 5, 2019. REUTERS/Hannibal Hanschke TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY

Actor Matthew Cardarople reacts as he arrives to a special presentation of the biopic about singer Helen Reddy, "I Am Woman", at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), in Toronto, Ontario, Canada September 5, 2019. REUTERS/Mark Blinch

Two women stand among damaged lounge chairs and debris following heavy storms at the beach of the village of Nea Plagia

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COMMUNITY

Disney Unveils Disney+, ESPN+, Hulu Bundle For $12.99 Monthly

Overview

U.S. customers would be able to get Disney+, ESPN+ and ad-supported Hulu for $12.99 a month. The bundle will be available when Disney+ launches on Nov. 12.

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Disney CEO Bob Iger finally announced details for the long-awaited Disney streaming bundle that executives have been teasing for months. The bundle is meant to be an alternative to Hollywood rival Netflix.

Details: For $12.99 monthly, consumers can access Disney+, ESPN+ and the ad-supported version of Hulu. The deal will be available when Disney+ launches on Nov. 12. The combined package will be cheaper than Netflix's premium package, which is $13.99 a month.

Driving the news: The update came as Disney executives walked investors through the high-level results of its third quarter earnings, which missed investor expectations.

•The company's massive success at the box office last quarter wasn't enough to save the entertainment giant from an earnings and revenue loss. The entertainment giant's stock price fell roughly 5% in after-hours trading Tuesday.

•**Be smart:** It was the first full quarter that Disney reported earnings after acquiring much of 21st Century Fox in March.

The big picture: Investors had high hopes for Disney ahead of earnings, with many expecting the company to report high top-line growth in response to major successes at the box office and high attendance at its domestic theme parks over Memorial Day weekend.

Operating costs were high and cut into the company's profit margins. This was largely a result of investments Disney made in its new streaming products and paying down its 21st Century Fox acquisition.

Tuesday's report sent a message to investors that if Disney's bet on streaming doesn't pan out, its traditional businesses may not be enough to protect the company from long-term industry changes.

What's next: Executives said they expect operating losses to continue to widen next quarter due to more investments in its streaming products.

Disney CEO Bob Iger

On an earnings call Tuesday, CEO Bob Iger said that U.S. customers would be able to get Disney+, ESPN+ and ad-supported Hulu for under $15 a month.

Iger said the bundle will be available when Disney+ launches on Nov. 12.

"Our play... is to have general entertainment, we'll call it Hulu, more family-like entertainment which is Disney+ and sports.," Iger said on the call. "And that bundle that we're creating, that $12.99 bundle where you can buy all three, offers consumers tremendous volume, tremendous quality and tremendous variety — for a good price."

The Disney+ video streaming service will draw on Disney's deep catalog of content and offer up new shows featuring favorite characters from "Toy Story" and "Monsters Inc." to Marvel and "Star Wars."

Also, with the Fox acquisition now closed, Disney will put all episodes of "The Simpsons" on the service on day one as well as "The Sound of Music," "The Princess Bride" and "Malcolm in the Middle."

"We're also focused on leveraging Fox's vast library of great titles to further enrich the content mix on our DTC platforms. For example, reimagining 'Home Alone,' "Night at the Museum," "Cheaper by the Dozen" and "Diary of a Wimpy Kid,'" Iger said on the call.

All Disney films released in 2019 will also be available on Disney+ as soon as their theatrical and home entertainment windows have closed. "Frozen II" will also be available exclusively on the platform by the summer of 2020.

Disney+ on its own will cost users $6.99 a month, or $69.99 for a full year.

ESPN+ is part of Disney's plan to revitalize the sports network. Viewership has been on the decline, relationships between cable operators and networks are tense, and the situation remains unstable as more people ditch cable for streaming services.

It has seen fast growth in the ESPN+ service since launching last year, adding more than 2 million subscribers.

Also, having a sports streaming service separates Disney from competitors like Netflix and Amazon Prime, which don't have limited live sports programming. Prime does stream Thursday Night Football games. (Courtesy cnbc.com)

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BUSINESS

U.S. Unleashes Military To Fight Fake News, Disinformation

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Fake news and social media posts are such a threat to U.S. security that the Defense Department is launching a project to repel "large-scale, automated disinformation attacks," as the top Republican in Congress blocks efforts to protect the integrity of elections.

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency wants custom software that can unearth fakes hidden among more than 500,000 stories, photos, video and audio clips. If successful, the system after four years of trials may expand to detect malicious intent and prevent viral fake news from polarizing society.

"A decade ago, today's state-of-the-art would have registered as sci-fi — that's how fast the improvements have come," said Andrew Grotto at the Center for International Security at Stanford University. "There is no reason to think the pace of innovation will slow any time soon."

U.S. officials have been working on plans to prevent outside hackers from flooding social channels with false information ahead of the 2020 election. The drive has been hindered by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's refusal to consider election-security legislation. Critics have labeled him #MoscowMitch, saying he left the U.S. vulnerable to meddling by Russia, prompting his retort of "modern-day McCarthyism."

Risk Factor

President Donald Trump has repeatedly rejected allegations that dubious content on platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Google aided his election win. Hillary Clinton supporters claimed a flood of fake items may have helped sway the results in 2016.

How Russia Meddling Became Social Media's Problem

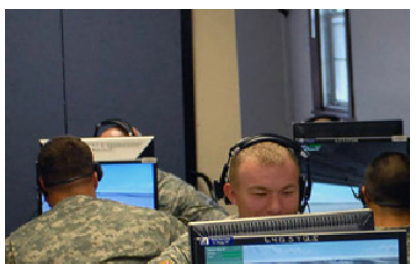
"The risk factor is social media being abused and used to influence the elections," Syracuse University assistant professor of communications Jennifer Grygiel said in a telephone interview. "It's really interesting that Darpa is trying to create these detection systems but good luck is what I say. It won't be anywhere near perfect until there is legislative oversight.

There's a huge gap and that's a concern." False news stories and so-called deepfakes are increasingly sophisticated and making it more difficult for data-driven software to spot. AI imagery has advanced in recent years and is now used by Hollywood, the fashion industry and facial recognition systems. Researchers have shown that these generative adversarial networks -- or GANs -- can be used to create fake videos.

Famously, Oscar-winning filmmaker Jordan Peele created a fake video of former President Barack Obama talking about the Black Panthers, Ben Carson, and making an alleged slur against Trump, to highlight the risk of trusting material online.

After the 2016 election, Facebook Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg played down fake news as a challenge for the world's biggest social media platform. He later signaled that he took the problem seriously and would let users flag content and enable fact-checkers to label stories in dispute. These judgments subsequently prevented stories being turned into paid advertisements, which were one key avenue toward viral promotion.

In June, Zuckerberg said Facebook made an "execution mistake" when it didn't act fast enough to identify a doctored video of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in which her speech was slurred and distorted.



"Where things get especially scary is the prospect of malicious actors combining different forms of fake content into a seamless platform," Grotto said. "Researchers can already produce convincing fake videos, generate persuasively realistic text, and deploy chatbots to interact with people. Imagine the potential persuasive impact on vulnerable people that integrating these technologies could have: an interactive deepfake of an influential person engaged in AI-directed propaganda on a bot-to-person basis."

By increasing the number algorithm checks, the military research agency hopes it can spot fake news with malicious intent before going viral.

"A comprehensive suite of semantic inconsistency detectors would dramatically increase the burden on media falsifiers, requiring the creators of falsified media to get every semantic detail correct, while defenders only need to find one, or a very few, inconsistencies," the agency said in its Aug. 23 concept document for the Semantic Forensics program.

Semantic Errors

The agency added: "These SemaFor technologies will help identify, deter, and understand adversary disinformation campaigns."

Current surveillance systems are prone to "semantic errors." An example, according to the agency, is software not noticing mismatched earrings in a fake video or photo. Other indicators, which may be noticed by humans but missed by machines, include weird teeth, messy hair and unusual backgrounds.

Deepfakes Can Help You Dance, But

They're Not Always So Innocent

The algorithm testing process will include an ability to scan and evaluate 250,000 news articles and 250,000 social media posts, with 5,000 fake items in the mix. The program has three phases over 48 months, initially covering news and social media, before an analysis begins of technical propaganda. The project will also include week-long "hackathons."

Program manager Matt Turek discussed the program last Thursday in Arlington, Virginia, with potential software designers. Darpa didn't provide an on-the-record comment.

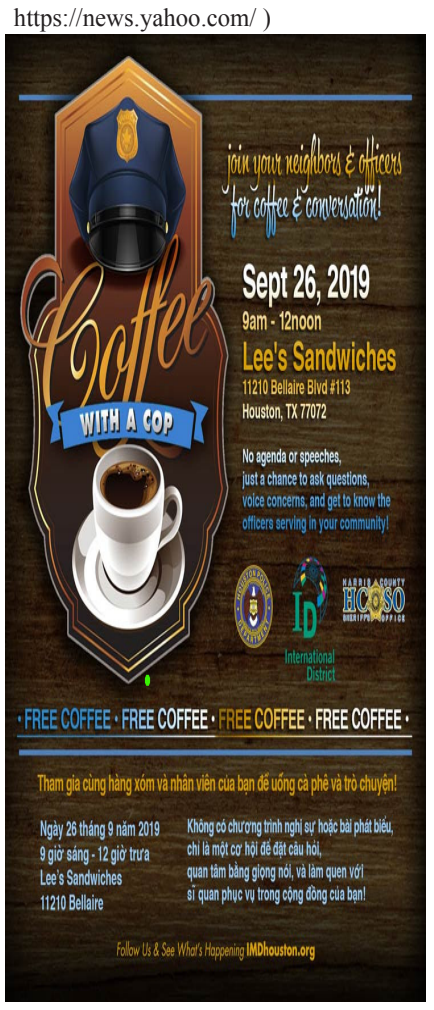
Tech Gap

The agency also has an existing research program underway, called MediFor, which is trying to plug a technological gap in image authentication, as no end-to-end system can verify manipulation of images taken by digital cameras and smartphones.

"Mirroring this rise in digital imagery is the associated ability for even relatively unskilled users to manipulate and distort the message of the visual media," according to the agency's website. "While many manipulations are benign, performed for fun or for artistic value, others are for adversarial purposes, such as propaganda or misinformation campaigns."

With a four-year project scale for SemaFor, the next election will have come and gone before the system is operational.

"This timeline is too slow and I wonder if it is a bit of PR," Grygiel said. "Educating the public on media literacy, along with legislation, is what is important. But elected officials lack motivation themselves for change, and there is a conflict of interest as they are using these very platforms to get elected." (Courtesy https://news.yahoo.com/)



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