

Facebook agrees to pay fine in Cambridge Analytica scandal

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This Jan. 17, 2017, file photo shows a Facebook logo being displayed in a start-up companies gathering at Paris' Station F, in Paris. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg plans to speak on Friday, Oct. 25, 2019, with new Corp CEO Robert Thomson. (AP Photo/Thibault Camus, File)

Facebook has agreed to pay a 500,000-pound (\$643,000) fine in a



privacy case stemming from the Cambridge Analytica scandal, agreeing to accept the fine without admitting any liability.

Britain's Information Commissioner Office had leveled the fine after concluding Facebook processed the personal information of users unfairly by exposing it for use by app developers without informed consent.

Facebook was at pains to underline that the ICO had not found that the data had actually been transferred to Cambridge Analytica, which counted U.S. President Donald Trump's 2016 <u>election campaign</u> among its clients.

Facebook associate general counsel Harry Kinmonth says the <u>company</u> has "made major changes" to the platform since that time and that it is "significantly restricting the information which app developers could access."

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