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Centre bans 59 Chinese apps

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The Centre on Monday banned 59 Chinese apps, including popular ones such as TikTok, UC Browser, Shareit and Helo, citing threat to national security and concerns over privacy.

The move comes amid the ongoing border tensions with China and calls for economic boycott of Chinese goods from traders.

"Upon receiving recent credible inputs that such apps pose threat to sovereignty and integrity of India, the Govern-

ment of India has decided to disallow the usage of certain apps, used in both mobile and non-mobile Internet enabled devices," the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said in a statement.



The apps were blocked "in view of information available they are engaged in activities which are prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of state and public order", said the statement.

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his move will safeguard the interests of crores of Indian mobile and internet users. This decision is a targeted move to ensure safety and sovereignty of Indian cyberspace," the statement added.

The IT Ministry invoked powers under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act to block the apps, saying it had received many complaints about the misuse of some apps for stealing and surreptitiously transmitting users' data to servers located outside India.

The apps banned are: TikTok, Shareit, Kwai, UC Browser, Baidu map, Shein, Clash of Kings, DU battery saver, Helo, Likee, YouCam makeup, Mi Community, CM Browsers, Virus Cleaner, APUS Browser, ROMWE, Club Factory, Newsdog, Bcutry Plus, WeChat, UCNews, QQ Mail, Weibo, Xender, QQ Music, QQ Newsfeed, Hago Live, SelfieCity, Mail Master, Parallelspace, Mi Video Call, WeSync, ES File Explorer, Viva Video - QQ Video Inc, Meitu, Vigo Video, New Video Status, DU Recorder, Vault-Hide, Cache Cleaner, DU App studio, DU Cleaner, DU Browser, Hago Play With New Friends, Cam Scanner, Clean Master - Cheetah Mobile, Wonder Camera, Photo Wonder, QQ Player, WeMeet, Sweet Selfie, Baidu Translate, Vmate, QQ International, QQ Security Center, QQ Launcher, U Video, V fly Status, Vedio, Mobile Legends and Privacy.