

Rights advocates raise alarm over firings and changes at Twitter under Elon Musk

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Geneva, November 7 (RHC)-- The United Nations high commissioner for human rights has addressed an open letter to Elon Musk, urging Twitter's new owner to "ensure human rights are central to the management of Twitter under your leadership." The top U.N. official also condemned Musk's firing of Twitter's human rights staff and most of its ethical AI team.

Bloomberg is reporting Twitter has asked some employees to return, after it began mass layoffs over the weekend. The firings included teams that worked on combating election misinformation days ahead of crucial midterm elections.

Meanwhile, journalists and voting rights advocates are warning Twitter's new subscription model for verified accounts will flood the platform with imposter accounts that could mislead the public.

Twitter will start charging \$8 a month to have a blue checkmark added to accounts, allowing users to create Twitter handles impersonating political figures or news sources.

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