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Stanley - March 23, 2026, 3:55 pm

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Meta has announced plans to discontinue support for end-to-end encryption (E2EE) for chats on Instagram after May 8, 2026.

"If you have chats that are impacted by this change, you will see instructions on how you can download any media or messages you may want to keep," the social media giant said in a help document. "If you're on an older version of Instagram, you may also need to update the

<https://thehackernews.com/2026/03/meta-to-shut-down-instagram-end-to-end.html>

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Meta is slowly bowing to the government on not encrypting things. Realistically I believe most services should be employing E2EE, even more so for social media specifically because it typically has way more personal information you'd likely rather not get out to the public, friends, family, etc.