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Michael Carbone is leading the work with the “digital security helpline”, a helpline created by Access Now for threatened journalists, activists, LGBT-oganisations and other defenders of human rights around the world. The helpline is open 24/7 and is answered by staff on three different continents. Previously, Carbone interned at the International Reporting Project and the Office of Communications and Information Policy at the US State Department.

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