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NEWS

FROM : 10/12/2015 [EN]

#### ***Gambia: Media Agenda Training for 50 Radio Journalists Underway in Juffureh***

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201512101392.html>

Media Agenda, a non-profit media training and Research NGO established in 2006, on Monday commenced a five-day training for 50 journalists drawn from 9 community radios and 16 commercial FM radios across the country.

The training underway in Juffureh, North Bank Region, is aimed at promoting media independence and pluralism as well as development of community media with particular focus on FM radios as the 2016 elections approach.

The training is funded by the US Embassy to the tune of D500,000 geared towards enhancing the capacity of participants that will ease their work.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Madi M.K. Ceesay, Director of Media Agenda, said the US Embassy and Media Agenda have had a long-standing relationship since the inception of Media Agenda in November 2006.

"Apart from National Commission for UNESCO (NATCOM) who was the first funders for a training of over 200 print/electronic journalists, spread within 6 months; the US Embassy was the second to fund an intensive Human Rights training for 12 senior Journalists," he said.

He added that Embassy also funded one week training for security and media personnel in 2008. He said in that training workshop Media Agenda was able to get participants from all sectors of the security people from the Army, NIA, Prison, and the Police. He said the fall fences between the security and media.

"The training will have a positive political impact on the populace as every household or individual has a radio set, as there cannot be any useful tool to bring development to the population other than the radio," he said.

The training will equip and capacitate the radio journalists with programming and production skills, for them to be able to run programs that will have positive influence on the minds of the masses.

The training also looks at quality programming, presentation, news collection and writing skills among many modules, he said. [...]

Yusupha Bojang, National Coordinator Network of Community Radios the Gambia, said the network was established as an umbrella organization to serve the interest of community radios across the country.

Community radios are widely listened to by the community because the presenters speak their own languages, he said, adding that it is also believed that they are radios of proximity and are strong tool used for advocacy.

He however highlighted some of the challenges faced by community radios such as the lack of proper gadgets like recorders, electricity supplies and sustainability and urged all to support community radios in the country.

[...]

Full report and source: The Point (Banjul), 9 Dec. 2015; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 10/12/2015 [EN]

### ***Nigeria: FG Grants Ondo Varsity Radio Licence***

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201512100538.html>

The Federal Government has granted the Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko, in Ondo State license to operate a campus-based radio station.

Vice Chancellor of the institution, Professor Igbekele Ajibefun said this in Akure while briefing newsmen on the 6th convocation of the university.

Speaking on the radio station, Prof Ajibefun said it will commence transmission soon.

According to him the campus based radio station would be for effective training of mass communication students and information dissemination in and around the community.

He added that coupled with the radio station, the institution would soon begin a post graduate programmes in Mass Communication.

Source: Vanguard (Lagos), 9 Dec. 2015; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 10/12/2015 [EN]

### ***Liberia: Radio Veritas Under 'Fire'***

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201512090706.html>

A former employee of the Catholic run Radio Veritas and candidate for Secretary General of the Press Union of Liberia (PUL) has questioned the moral judgment of the Radio Veritas Management to suspend the entire News Room on grounds that the employees attended the Press Union of Liberia (PUL) Congress in Grand Bassa County.

Journalist Octavin Williams said the suspension of the entire Radio Veritas News Room without substantial justifications raises serious suspicions over the motive of the Catholic Church since the death of Archbishop Michael Francis.

Journalist Williams, once a Legislative Bureau Chief of the Radio Veritas, has declared that he is deeply worried and disappointed that since the death of Archbishop Francis, the Voice of Truth under the leadership of Archbishop Lewis Jerome Zeigler and Ambrose Dayougar Kromah has lost its importance and true meaning.

He fears that if nothing is done now by the Church to salvage the situation, it could damage hard earned efforts made by the late Archbishop Francis to speak to critical issues.

Mr. Williams noted that it was unfortunate for the Radio Veritas management to suspend the entire News Room for time indefinite exactly after the PUL Congress in Grand Bassa County, pointing fingers to the failure by those suspended not to inform the entity on time before attending the event. [...]

Journalist Williams is demanding the Director of the Catholic Media Center (CAMCAM), Father Ambrose Kromah and Station Manager Gedekar Timothy Ben under the leadership of Archbishop Lewis Zeigler to rescind the decision because Liberians are now being denied vital information on national issues, usually broadcast by the news team suspended. [...]

Full report and source: The News (Monrovia), 8 Dec. 2015; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 12/12/2015 [EN]

### ***Namibia: Our Changing Radio Listening Habits***

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201512111636.html>

In the age of internet and social media, as well as digital and high definition television, one would have expected that the older medium of radio (some call it "steam radio") would have died out long ago.

In fact, due to the immediate nature of radio as well as its portability, and the fact that it remains one of the cheapest of the media both to produce and to receive, radio has not only survived but gone from strength to strength.

Current developments such as live streaming over the internet, podcasts (recorded radio programmes that can be downloaded and listened to at a time and place suitable to the listener) have kept radio abreast with the times and, despite its age, it is a medium that remains popular, especially with the youth.

This concept of internet radio is now also popular in Namibia, and new online radio stations such as Namcol ([www.namcol.edu.na](http://www.namcol.edu.na)) and the Polytechnic of Namibia ('NUST FM') have been established to cater for the trend towards listening online.

The NBC DTT decoder has also allowed Namibian radio to move away from the original apartheid 'divide and rule' strategy. The engineering behind this was that the SiLozi service would be heard in Katima Mulilo, the Damara>Nama service in Khorixas and the German service in Swakopmund, etc. The South African strategy was that the transmission of radio would synchronise with their 'homeland' policy and not only persuade people to stay in 'their areas' but also divide them up into small units. The nine radio services therefore spoke only to their particular 'tribal' audience, rather than a 'national' Namibian audience.

The DTT decoder now means that every Namibian, throughout the country, can now listen to every NBC radio service and the apartheid broadcasting master plan for using radio to divide the nation has, at least, been destroyed.

Three final year Unam media students explored aspects of this changing pattern of listenership in their research projects this year. Juliet Anebe investigated 'The effectiveness of Unam Radio based on the listenership habits of students and staff'. Her study found that listeners to this station used not only traditional radios for listening, but increasingly mobile devices such as smartphones. In fact, her study of 50 participants revealed that the use of mobile devices for radio listening is in the majority (46%), compared to listening in a taxi (24%) or at home (14%).

Frans Jambeinge studied attitudes towards the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation. He not only investigated viewing habits on the new NBC DTT decoder (discovering, interestingly that NBC 3 is the most popular of the three NBC channels on offer), but also established that many of the respondents now listened to radio on their decoder (their favourite station being NBC National Radio, and the second most popular NBC Oshiwambo Service).

Magano Naimbale put these new developments into a broader perspective, with her investigation into the impact of radio in the northern rural areas of Namibia. Here, not only are traditional FM radios the most popular means of receiving radio broadcasts, but the majority of her participants in Emono village (50%) only possessed one FM radio device. In Ohakuyela village the findings were similar, with 45% owning one radio set. However, the listenership here was extremely loyal, with 75% of the respondents listening to their radio every day.

So radio, despite increased competition, remains the medium of choice for many Namibians, whether in the traditional sense, or, increasingly, the new devices for broadcasting and for receiving radio broadcasts.

Source: New Era (Windhoek), 11 Dec. 2015; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 12/12/2015 [EN]

### ***Zimbabwe: Zvishavane-Based Ya FM Hits Hard Times, Fails to Pay Employees***

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201512120032.html>

All is not well with Zvishavane's first commercial radio station Ya FM which is reportedly struggling to pay staff and buy equipment for use by disgruntled employees.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, an employee told NewZimbabwe.com Thursday morale was at its lowest at the station, which went on air only less than two months ago.

Despite the hype that followed the September 25 launch of a radio station servicing the small mining town and its surroundings, it has emerged that poor working conditions have taken centre

stage with staff using plastic chairs in an almost empty newsroom.

"Everyone has lost the drive and passion they had when we started," said the source.

"People just come to fulfil their duties and go home. DJs have resorted to hosting shows at some night clubs in town to survive."

Employees, according to the source, received offer letters in September this year with some presenters given two weeks' probation while others were given three months.

This was followed by some three weeks' training in Zvishavane town while the studio was being put together.

"They had promised to pay us half salaries for the two weeks of training. However, they changed goalposts and paid people half of what they had promised," said the source.

"For the month of October, we were only paid \$100 and the same with November. It is likely going to be the same in December."

Station CEO Munyaradzi Hwengwere is adamant the station should generate its own money to pay salaries.

Hwengwere and some unclear investors have not been willing to pour funds to cover salaries and other running costs, it is further alleged.

The former ZBC CEO has held several crisis meetings with his workers but keeps saying he could not pay them enough as he was waiting for monies from companies that have placed adverts to start paying.

One of them is power utility Zesa which is said to be owing \$20,000.

Hwengwere could not be reached for comment but station manager Tafara Mbaya laughed the allegations off, saying that the station was still too new to be said to be defaulting on salaries.

"We only started in November and how can we be said to have failed to pay salaries," he said.

"That is impossible. Just tell your source to be honest with you and tell you the truth."

Ya FM is one of the eight area commercial radio stations granted broadcasting licences by government few months ago.

It was launched September this year by Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa and started live broadcasting September 28.

Source: NewZimbabwe.com (London), 11 Dec. 2015; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 14/12/2015 [EN]

### ***Liberia/USA: Liberian Journalist Heads Radio Africa***

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201512141659.html>

The Board of Directors of TMZ Media Group LLC has appointed Broadcast Liberian Journalist Cyrus Joel McGee as Manager of Radio Africa.

Making the pronouncement in Minnesota, USA recently, TMZ Chief Executive officer Al-Hussein Youjay Fadiga disclosed that the appointment of McGee is based on his level of professionalism and commitment since joining the institution in 2015.

He said the institution was established in February 27, 2011 with the aim of keeping Liberians and Africans abroad abreast of the issues affecting not just Liberia but Africa and beyond, something he hopes the leadership of Mr. McGee will continue to prioritize.

Mr. Fadiga further disclosed that Radio Africa has over the years collaborated with the Liberian Community in the US and the Minnesota Department of health in making sure that the African communities receive information and education much needed, making specific reference to the period of the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. [...]

located in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, Radio Africa is currently listened to in about 22 countries around the world; with about 40 thousand listeners in the United States alone. Currently, the radio has about 10,000 monthly listeners in Minnesota.

Listeners around the world can monitor the radio by logging on to [www.radioafrica.net](http://www.radioafrica.net). Other means of listening include downloading the Android App (Radio Africa), Apple Users can search The Tunein Radio App (Tmz Web Radio), while listeners Can Also Dial 213-992-4237 And Select Option 6 To Listen Live.

Source: The News (Monrovia), 12 Dec. 2015; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 17/12/2015 [EN]

### **Zimbabwe: Star FM Rules the Roost**

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201512140563.html>

Popular local radio station Star FM has endeared itself to Zimbabwe as the station that takes radio to the people. The radio station boasts dynamic presenters, quality programming and a level platform for one ordinary Joe to become a star. All these and more can be attributed to its growing listenership as reflected by the recent Zimbabwe All Media Products Survey results. Star FM won the Best Electronic Media Superbrand award.

Some of the popular programmes include the "Breakfast Club", "The Crossover" and the "326 Express".

Much more than the programmes Star FM is people driven as seen by most of its outside programmes which are hosted under the banner "Taking radio to the people". Unlike other urban radio stations, Star FM believes in getting up and close with their audiences be it in Murewa, Gokwe, Plumtree, Masvingo or Zvishavane. Star FM has its audiences covered.

So far one of these shows which has taken radio to dizzy heights is the "Chatsva nePacific", whereby the station partners Pacific, the manufacturers of local cigarettes. The show pits sungura against Zimdancehall which are arguably two of the most popular music genres in the country. Though the competition in itself is quite odd in the sense that sungura and Zimdancehall are completely two different genres whose origins and sound are worlds apart, somehow Pacific has pacified the two.

Besides partnering its advertisers and the corporate world, Star FM has to a larger extent hosted its own productions such as the "Big Hangout", a DJ festival where business people and music fans come together to mix and mingle.

"The Big Hangout" was a major success and it is poised for growth in the coming year. The "Big Hangout" saw different club and radio DJs taking it to the decks and like always it was Star FM's Otis Fraser whose flawless delivery tickled many music fans. [...]

Statistics show that tables have been turned and now Star FM is on pole position. Only last year, Star FM was in third position behind Power FM in second and Radio Zimbabwe which was number one. Other radio stations which were competing in the survey include ZiFM, National FM, SFM and VOA. In 2014, Radio Zimbabwe with its diversified programming enjoyed 30 percent market share of listenership but in 2015 it slipped to 28 percent.

Also losing its steam was Power FM which in 2014 enjoyed a huge following garnering 31 percent of listenership but in 2015 it slumped to 27 percent. National FM had 11 percent in 2014 but again in 2015 its listenership dropped to just eight percent while SFM was also affected from seven percent in 2014 to five percent in 2015.

However, the same could not be said of VOA which at least gained by one percent from last year's two percent to three percent listenership.

The latest results are crucial in shaping the way advertisers target their audiences especially with regards to three urban radio stations that include Star FM, Power FM and ZiFM. [...]

Full report and source: The Herald (Harare), 14 Dec. 2015; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 17/12/2015 [EN]

### **Gambia: On 'Radio Kang-Kang' and False News**

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201512171508.html>

Information is indeed power and like any power, electric or otherwise, when used in truth and for good, it can be an immense source of good; charged with falsehood and used with ill intent, it can be a source of harm. So we need to be mindful about the source of our information and also what information we share.

Lies and slander have bedeviled societies over millennia; even prophets have suffered the menace of false news being spread about them and their families. When we broadcast false information it does not only affect those whose reputation is attacked but it affects the entire society. No wonder Allah admonishes us to be mindful of such bad behavior as He (SWT) exhorts us in verse 6, Surah Hujurat "O you who believe! If a wicked person comes to you with any news, ascertain the truth, lest you harm people unwittingly, and afterwards become full of repentance for what you have done."

With all the important matters that we need to attend to as individuals and heads of families and responsible officers in public or private service; it is astounding how much time we spend hounding 'news' that we know for certain is coming from sources that lack credibility by any standards. And then as if it is not bad enough to consume such 'filth', some of us become antennas for further

broadcast of lies and slanderous hate messages.

As Muslims and Christians, we need to check our behaviours. Modern technology has brought us a proliferation of media outlets; with the increase in the sources of information has also come a decline in the quality and credibility of the sources of information.

Let us choose to hear the good word and to spread the true word. This is best for our souls and the collective spirit of our communities. At the end of the day, every human being will account for not only his or her deeds but also the words they hear and speak. This matter is of such great significance that Prophet Muhammad (SAWS) gave us the golden rule that should guide us "whoever believes in Allah and the last day should speak good or remain silent!"

Source: The Daily Observer (Banjul), Editorial, 17 Dec. 2015; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 18/12/2015 [EN]

### ***Tunisia: The Tunisian associative media landscape between development and fragility***

<http://www.amarc.org/?q=node/2486>

As part of its activities in Tunisia, the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC) has prepared a study on the situation of community radio stations. This work has highlighted a clear change in the policy of the National Office of Broadcasting (ONT) and the National Frequencies Agency (ANF) against community radio stations, especially with the lower costs of frequency allocation, installation and maintenance.

In the same vein, the study has identified the development of representative bodies of community media, especially with the emergence of new initiatives, such as the Tunisian Union of Associative Media (UTMA) and the Union Tunisian of Associative Radios (STRA).

Although the Tunisian associative media landscape has seen a clear growth in many ways, some weak points emerged from the study, such as the issue of sustainability, programming, professional journalistic practices and networking among the various actors.

Indeed, the study, part of a partnership project between AMARC and OXFAM, "wants to help provide an overview of the media landscape in Tunisia and may promote the implementation of new initiatives for the development of freedom of expression and pluralism in the country", says Francesco Diasio, Secretary General of AMARC.

It is important to note that this project is part of a strategy of support and assistance from AMARC to the various components of the associative media landscape in Tunisia. With a network that brings together 10 community radio stations that have obtained an FM license from the Independent High Authority for Audiovisual Communication (HAICA) and the existence of several projects of web radios, the Tunisian experience represents a unique model of pluralism today in countries of Maghreb and Mashreq.

For further information, please see «L'État des lieux 2015». (Available in French only)

Source: AMARC International Secretariat (Montreal), Communiqué and website, 14 Dec. 2015

ALERT

FROM : 18/12/2015 [EN]

### ***Mali: Gunman kills three at Christian radio station in Timbuktu***

<http://tinyurl.com/ped9qjr>

A gunman killed three people outside a Christian radio station in the Malian city of Timbuktu overnight, local officials said on Friday.

"Three people, including a radio host from 'Tahanite', the Christian station in Timbuktu, were in front of (the station) when an armed man came to shoot them dead before fleeing," a local government official told AFP.

A senior official in the governor's office confirmed a radio presenter was among the victims, as well as "at least one Catholic", pointing the finger at Islamic extremists.

"Terrorists who do not want to hear about other religions except Islam are, for me, the perpetrators of this crime," he told AFP.

"It is a jihadist attack aimed at dividing Muslims and Catholics but they will never succeed."

A Malian security source described the ambush as "a cowardly murder perpetrated by those who want to start a war of religions".

Widely known as "Timbuktu's Christian station", Tahanite -- a private broadcaster which its name from the Tuareg word for "pity" -- produces programmes focused on the Bible and is known for its close ties to the local evangelical Christian mission.

During the 2012 occupation of Timbuktu by jihadists linked to Al-Qaeda, the station's Bible-related output was banned.

Mali's desert north was overrun by armed Islamists for several months before its main towns and cities were liberated by a French-led military intervention in January 2013.

The vast territory around the size of France remains deeply unstable however, with sectarian violence rife and large swathes of land beyond government control.

Source: AFP quoted by Times Live (Johannesburg), 18 Dec. 2015

ALERT

FROM : 21/12/2015 [EN]

### ***Mali: Mali authorities arrest 2 for killing outside radio station***

<http://tinyurl.com/q4bhzoy>

The brother of a radio host who was shot and killed along with two others outside a Christian radio station in Mali's Timbuktu says authorities have arrested two people in connection with the shooting.

Chekou Dicko said Monday that the gendarmerie called him to say two suspects had been arrested and were being questioned. Chekou is the older brother of Joel Dicko, the radio host who was killed.

Witnesses say a gunman on Dec. 17 shot the radio host, a local contractor with the U.N. and a student before fleeing.

Mali's army struggles to disarm people in the north despite driving extremists out of major towns in 2013 and a peace deal signed between Tuareg separatists and the government in late June.

Source: The Associated Press, quoted by The Washington Post, 21 Dec. 2015

NEWS

FROM : 21/12/2015 [EN]

### ***Ethiopia: Ethiopia watching radio stations amid ongoing unrest***

The Ethiopian Broadcasting Authority [EBA] has said it was watching radio stations to ensure they reported responsibly to avoid exacerbating the unrest in various parts of Oromiya Regional State. EBA Director Mr Zerai Asgedom revealed this when he and his colleagues presented their quarter yearly performance report to parliament's culture, tourism and mass media affairs standing committee.

"I have received a complaint that a radio station called Abay was heard playing rousing Oromo and Teddy Afro [popular local singer Tewodros Kasahun, aka Teddy Afro] songs," said the chair of the committee, Ms Fetia Yusuf, and asked the authority to explain what it was doing to control such broadcasting.

Mr Zerai said it was difficult for him to believe a station called "Abay" would do such a thing, but he promised to investigate. He said what he was tipped off was about "Sheger radio station". He said he held a meeting with all radio station this week and warned them. [Passage omitted]

[Oromiya Regional State has been rocked by violence over a proposed master plan to expand Addis Ababa]

Source: Excerpt from report by The Reporter (Addis Ababa), in Amharic, 20 Dec. 2015; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 21 Dec. 2015

ALERT

FROM : 22/12/2015 [EN]

### ***Somalia: Somali police arrest radio journalist in Mogadishu***

Somali federal government forces today arrested Radio Shabelle journalist Ahmad Umar Ahmad as the country marked the 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the formation of the police force.

Ahmad was first denied entry to the General Kahiye police academy to cover the celebrations and later taken to a police cell in Mogadishu's Jajab district.

The journalist's arrest is part of the repression of independent media in the country, specially the Shabelle Media Network.

Source: Shabelle Media Network (Mogadishu), Website, in Somali, 20 Dec. 2015; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 22 Dec. 2015



ALERT

FROM : 22/12/2015 [EN]

### ***Ethiopia: Ethiopia arrests journalist after channel reports on protests***

<http://tinyurl.com/p9lehno>

The Committee to Protect Journalists calls on authorities in Ethiopia to release news anchor Fikadu Mirkana. Fikadu, who works for the state-run broadcaster Oromia Radio and TV, was arrested at his Addis Ababa home on Saturday morning, according to news reports.

CPJ could not determine the reason for Fikadu's arrest. It comes as Oromia Radio and TV has, in recent weeks, covered protests against a plan to expand the Ethiopian capital, in a move that campaigners say would displace hundreds of thousands of farmers, according to news reports.

Dozens of protesters have been killed during clashes with police during the unrest in the regional state of Oromia, according to a Human Rights Watch report. [...]

Full report and source: Committee to Protect Journalists (New York), Communique and Website, 22 Dec. 2015

NEWS

FROM : 29/12/2015 [EN]

### ***Uganda: Kabakumba radio equipment stolen***

<http://tinyurl.com/odo2pdx>

Police in Masindi District are investigating circumstances under which equipment belonging to King's Broadcasting Services (KBS), a local FM radio station, were vandalised and stolen by unidentified people on Christmas day.

The radio, which is owned by Bujenje county Member of Parliament Kabakumba Masiko, was off air by press time. Detectives and staff at the radio said some of the equipment stolen included a studio transmitter link, an exciter and the backup system.

All the transmission equipment was stolen from the rented Airtel mast at Kigulya Hill, where other security installations are also located.

The KBS station manager, Mr William Rwebembera, said the stolen equipment are worth more than Shs25 million. Asked if it was an inside job, Mr Rwebembera said he could not point the finger at any body.

On Christmas eve, KBS was temporarily switched off by some unknown person when Ms Kabakumba was in studio campaigning for President Museveni. Kabakumba was suspended from the NRM party leadership in mid-December by the Masindi District NRM executive committee for standing as an independent candidate yet she is the district NRM Chairperson. She denies any wrong doing and insists she is still the legitimate NRM chairperson.

Mr Tadeo Tugume, 25, the security guard who was on duty was reportedly beaten by the suspected thugs before they carried him about 10 kilometres away and dumped him at Kyarukunya village in Miirya Sub-county.

Mr Tugume claimed the thugs called him by name and asked him to open only to be grabbed by the two thugs armed with a gun.

He said the thugs told him they had come for radio equipment.

Masindi District Police Commander Bosco Bakashaba said he has dispatched a team of police detective to investigate the matter.

By press time, Mr Tadeo Tugume, a security guard employed by Airtel, and Mr William Rwebembera, the KBS station manager, had recorded statement at Masindi Central Police Station.

-- The radio scandal --

Ms Kabakumba Masiko in December 2011 resigned her posts as minister of presidency and Kampala City after being accused of stealing a transmitter and mast belonging to Uganda Broadcasting Corporation. She, however, denied the accusation labelled against her as MPs made frantic efforts to censure her.

Source: Daily Monitor (Kampala), website, 28 Dec. 2015

RESOURCE

FROM : 29/12/2015 [EN]

**Resources: 10 tools for investigative reporting in 2016**<http://ijnet.org/en/blog/10-tools-investigative-reporting-2016>

2015 was a big year for investigative journalism.

From the revelations of YakunovychLeaks in Ukraine to the "Fatal Extraction" investigations across Africa, investigative journalists have been responsible for uncovering some of society's biggest abuses and holding people in power accountable.

But with newsrooms worldwide downsizing their investigative staffs to cut costs, it's becoming harder to allocate resources to the journalism itself.

Luckily, the Internet holds a vast amount of free tools, resources and open databases available for aspiring investigative reporters. Here's IJNet's roundup of the best tools for investigative journalism to use throughout 2016.

Full report and source: IJNet (Washington), Website, 22 Dec. 2015

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NEWS

FROM : 29/12/2015 [EN]

**Niger: Niger state broadcaster said paralysed over strike over salaries**

The Niger state-owned radio and television have been paralysed since 23 December by a two-day strike by their about 600 workers, who are demanding an increase in salary, reports French state-funded public broadcaster Radio France Internationale on 24 December 2015.

Citing the union of the state radio and television, the French radio said the strike, which is expected to end on 24 December was embarked on following the failure of negotiations between the Union of Information Workers (SINAFO) and the ministers of information and labour.

One of the leaders of SINAFO, Idi Gambo, told newsmen "we are on strike for a 20 per cent increase in the salaries of the workers of the PRTN (Office of Radio-Television of Niger)", he explained.

Viewers of the Niger state-owned Tele Sahel could read on their screens on 23 December "We are giving you limited programmes, because of a strike action". The second national TV, Tal TV, which broadcasts only in the capital, Niamey, and its surroundings even stopped broadcasting. The national radio, La Voix du Sahel, only plays music.

Source: Radio France Internationale (Paris), in French, 24 Dec. 2015; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 26 Dec. 2015

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NEWS

FROM : 30/12/2015 [EN]

**CAR: UN chief takes to radio waves of Central African Republic to appeal for peaceful polls**<http://tinyurl.com/hsuy9mq>

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon took to the radio waves of the Central African Republic (CAR) to appeal to voters for a massive turn-out in tomorrow's presidential poll, a major step in efforts to stabilize the country amid conflict between Muslims and Christians.

"The upcoming elections are a historical moment for your country," he said in French about the first round of presidential and legislative elections.

"Never before have so many Central Africans registered to vote. I call on every one of you to use your right to vote without letting others prevent you from expressing yourselves peacefully. The United Nations will stand by you during this critical time."

The UN has played a major role in seeking to restore peace after fighting between the mainly Muslim Séléka and mainly Christian anti-Balaka groups erupted in early 2013, in which thousands of people have been killed and hundreds of thousands more forced from their homes.

After nine months of improved stability earlier this year a new wave of inter-communal violence erupted in September, killing at least 130 people, injuring 430 others, and triggering an 18 per cent increase in internally displaced persons to 447,500.

The UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in CAR (MINUSCA), set up in April 2014 to help restore stability after a breakdown of governmental authority, reports that the situation in Bangui remained calm yesterday as the campaign period came to an end.

Meanwhile, the National Electoral Authority issued a directive yesterday on the modalities and conditions for voting to address concerns over allegations of voter card trafficking and fake voter

registration receipts.

MINUSCA continues to deliver sensitive electoral material to polling centres and has deployed additional troops to Ndélé, Birao and Sibut.

Furthermore, the Mission in partnership with the National Electoral Authority facilitated today a meeting of the 30 presidential candidates to discuss security planning for Election Day, transmission of results and voting and counting procedures. The Mission has also facilitated a meeting with key stakeholders from the predominantly Muslim PK5 neighbourhood and the anti-Balaka stronghold in Boeing on the outskirts of Bangui.

Source: UN News Centre (New York):PRN Africa, 30 Dec. 2015; quoted by StarAfrica

NEWS

FROM : 30/12/2015 [EN]

### ***Nigeria: Digitisation - Kano to Spend N300 Million On Radio Station***

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201512300470.html>

The Kano State Commissioner for Information, Mr Muhammed Garba, has said that more than N300 million has been set aside to digitise the state's radio station in 2016.

The commissioner said the money was out of the N517 million proposed for the ministry in the 2016 budget proposal.

Garba made this disclosure to newsmen yesterday after he appeared before the state House of Assembly to defend the budget estimate for the ministry. According to him, the effort to digitise the radio station is to meet the target for the digitisation of all media outfits in the country.

The commissioner also disclosed that the state's newspaper, Triumph Publishing Company Ltd would begin full time digital operation by March 2016.

Garba added that more than N80m was also proposed in the budget to ensure the completion of the ongoing digitisation of the Abubakar Rimi Television.

According to him, the project is part of the measures by the State Government to boost the socio-economic and revenue generation in the state.

Similarly, the State Commissioner of Budget and Planning, Hajiya Aisha Muhammad, has reaffirmed the state's commitment to support women empowerment and rural development.

The commissioner said the state government would do this through the Sustainable Development Programme (SDP) initiated by the federal government.

The commissioner, who also appeared for her ministry's budget, said out of the N2.5b proposed for the programme, N1.5b would come from the federal government intervention. According to her, the other key areas under the programme include, health, education and water sanitation. (NAN) Source: Daily Trust (Abuja), 29 Dec. 2015; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

## NOUVELLES

NEWS

FROM : 12/12/2015 [FR]

### ***Congo: Cinq jeunes primés au concours des meilleures émissions radiophoniques***

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201512110884.html>

La cérémonie de remise des prix aux lauréats s'est déroulée ce jeudi 10 décembre dans la salle du Centre d'information des Nations unies (UNIC), en présence du directeur du cabinet du ministre de la Communication et des médias, Antoine Oviebo Etahi, ainsi que les délégués des représentants des Agences du système des Nations unies au Congo.

Ouvert aux jeunes, ce concours a permis à 20 candidats, à travers l'application des techniques de production et de diffusion des programmes radiophoniques dans les locaux de la radio éducative de l'INRAP, de produire quarante-six émissions de 8 à 15 minutes sur les thématiques de la santé sexuelle, la santé de la reproduction, l'environnement, le développement durable, les droits humains et la culture de paix.

Le jury, rappelons-le, était composé de cinq membres provenant de la société civile et des ministères de la Jeunesse et de la Communication. Il a auditionné toutes les émissions produites, avant de faire le choix des cinq meilleures selon les cinq catégories des prix suivantes : le prix de la meilleure émission sur l'éducation à la sexualité et prévention des grossesses précoces a été reçu par Biniakounou Winny Princilia Benodi ; celui de la meilleure émission sur la dignité de la jeune fille et lutte contre les discriminations par Tsiba Gongo Jody Christella ; de la meilleure

émission sur la paix par Zao Konga Celly Nelson ; de la meilleure émission sur la protection de l'environnement et le développement durable par Madzou Kelly Reine Paule, et enfin, le prix spécial du jury a été reçu par Enkola Wolf Francis Arsène.

La représentante du Fonds des Nations unies pour la population (Fnuap), en République du Congo, Barbara Laurenceau, a profité de cette occasion pour remercier au nom du système des Nations unies le ministre de l'Enseignement primaire, secondaire, de l'alphabétisation, chargé de la jeunesse et de l'éducation civique, à travers l'Institut national de recherche et d'actions pédagogiques (INRAP) et sa radio éducative comme partenaire de formation ; ainsi que le ministre de la Communication et des médias, pour leur implication dans la mise en œuvre de ce projet. Elle s'est réjouie de la qualité du travail de ces jeunes qui, a-t-elle dit, « se sont investis valeureusement pour sensibiliser d'autres comme eux sur les moyens de faire valoir leurs droits à l'éducation et à la santé ».

Après la remise des attestations aux heureux récipiendaires, l'une des participantes parlant au nom des lauréats a remercié les organisateurs, et s'est félicitée de l'initiative de ces derniers. Elle a indiqué : « Ensemble, nous les jeunes journalistes en herbe à qui vous avez offert l'opportunité de participer à ce projet, nous unissons nos voix pour encourager d'autres initiatives de ce genre visant encore plus les jeunes ».

À noter que ces émissions s'inscrivaient dans le cadre du projet conjoint Fnuap/Unesco intitulé « Renforcement des capacités des jeunes filles et garçons pour la production des programmes radiophoniques sur l'éducation à la sexualité, la santé de la reproduction des adolescent(e)s et jeunes, les droits humains, la culture de paix, l'environnement et le développement durable ». En outre, ce projet de production de programme de radio par les jeunes et pour les jeunes visait à permettre à la jeunesse congolaise d'exercer sous une forme active, éclairée et responsable leur citoyenneté. Cet exercice de production de contenus à l'usage des médias a permis également l'exercice de la liberté d'expression, un aspect essentiel des droits humains qui a été célébré ce 10 décembre.

Source: Les Dépêches de Brazzaville, 10 déc. 2015; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 17/12/2015 [FR]

### ***Sénégal: Sale temps à Radio Nostalgie***

[http://www.setal.net/Sale-temps-a%CC%80-Radio-Nostalgie\\_a42224.html](http://www.setal.net/Sale-temps-a%CC%80-Radio-Nostalgie_a42224.html)

Sale temps à la radio Nostalgie qui faisait jusqu'à une période récente le bonheur des mélomanes. En effet, selon Libération, dans un communiqué, la société Radio nostalgie Afrique, titulaire de la licence d'utilisation de la marque Nostalgie dans le continent, informe tous les intéressés, annonceurs, autorités compétentes et le public que par ordonnance prononcée le 25 septembre 2015 et assortie de l'exécution provisoire, le président du tribunal de commerce de Paris a constaté que le contrat de sous licence «Radio Nostalgie» souscrit par la société Sorano Sénégal était résilié depuis le 31 janvier 2014 et qu'en conséquence la société Sorano Sénégal, outre le fait qu'elle a été condamnée à régler à la société Radio Nostalgie Afrique des redevances impayées, il lui avait été fait injonction de cesser définitivement la diffusion des marques «Nostalgie» et «Radio Nostalgie» et de les utiliser sous quelque forme que ce soit...

Source: Setal.net (Dakar), 17 déc. 2015

NEWS

FROM : 18/12/2015 [FR]

### ***Tunisie: Le paysage médiatique associatif tunisien entre développement et fragilité***

<http://www.amarc.org/?q=fr/node/2485>

Dans le cadre de ses activités en Tunisie, l'Association mondiale des radiodiffuseurs communautaires (AMARC) a élaboré une étude sur la situation des radios associatives. Ce travail a mis en lumière un changement manifeste au niveau de la politique de l'Office National de Télédiffusion (ONT) et de l'Agence Nationale des Fréquences (ANF) à l'égard des radios associatives, notamment avec la baisse des frais d'attribution des fréquences, d'installation et de maintenance.

Dans le même ordre d'idées, l'étude a permis d'identifier l'évolution des instances représentatives des médias associatifs, notamment avec l'émergence de nouvelles initiatives, telles que l'Union Tunisienne des Médias Associatifs (UTMA) et le Syndicat Tunisien des Radios Associatives (STRA). Bien que le paysage médiatique associatif tunisien a connu une croissance manifeste sur plusieurs plans, certains points faibles ressortent de l'étude, tels que le problème de la durabilité, la

programmation, les pratiques journalistiques professionnelles et le réseautage entre les différents acteurs.

En effet, cette étude, qui s'insère dans le cadre du projet de partenariat entre l'AMARC et OXFAM, «veut contribuer à donner une vision d'ensemble du panorama médiatique en Tunisie et qui puisse favoriser la mise en place de nouvelles initiatives visant le développement de la liberté d'expression et du pluralisme dans le pays», a indiqué M. Francesco Diasio, Secrétaire Général de l'AMARC.

Il est important de signaler que ce projet s'inscrit dans une stratégie de soutien et d'accompagnement de la part de l'AMARC aux différentes composantes du paysage médiatique associatif en Tunisie. Avec un réseau qui rassemble 10 radios associatives ayant obtenu une licence FM de la part de la Haute Autorité Indépendante de la Communication Audiovisuelle (HAICA) et avec l'existence de plusieurs projets des radios web, l'expérience tunisienne représente aujourd'hui un modèle de pluralisme unique dans les pays du Maghreb et Machrek.

Pour toute information complémentaire, veuillez consulter L'État des lieux 2015, en cliquant sur le lien de cette nouvelle.

Source: AMARC Secrétariat international (Montréal), communiqué et site, 14 déc. 2015

ALERT

FROM : 18/12/2015 [FR]

### ***Mali: Trois jeunes assassinés devant une radio privée à Tombouctou***

<http://tinyurl.com/j7qdwem>

Un triple assassinat s'est produit à Tombouctou, au nord-ouest du Mali, devant une radio locale, partenaire à la mission évangélique chrétienne locale. Trois personnes, dont au moins un animateur, ont été tuées par un homme armé jeudi soir 17 décembre devant la radio Tahanite, un organe d'informations communément appelé la radio chrétienne de Tombouctou.

Les trois jeunes étaient devant la porte d'une radio privée de Tombouctou, la radio Tahanite qui veut dire « la pitié » en langue tamasheq. Ils devisaient, selon les témoins, lorsqu'un homme armé, emmitoufflé dans un accoutrement de couleur noire, a surgi, ouvrant le feu avant de disparaître.

Les trois jeunes ont été tués, selon deux témoins interrogés séparément. Une action qui n'a pour l'instant pas été revendiquée.

La radio Tahanite est située au sud-est de la ville de Tombouctou. Elle a notamment pour partenaire la mission évangélique chrétienne locale. Sur les ondes de cette radio, très régulièrement, les animateurs diffusent des émissions bibliques. On dit même à Tombouctou que c'est la radio chrétienne de la Cité des 333 saints.

Des émissions sur la paix et la cohésion sociale sont également diffusées. L'assassinat des trois jeunes a semé un vif émoi au sein de la population.

Source: Radio France Internationale (Paris), Site internet, 18 déc. 2015

NEWS

FROM : 18/12/2015 [FR]

### ***Algérie: La Radio nationale célèbre le 59e anniversaire de la Voix de l'Algérie libre et combattante***

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201512171417.html>

Le 59e anniversaire de la création de la Voix de l'Algérie libre et combattante (Radio secrète) a été célébré jeudi au siège de la Radio algérienne, lors d'une cérémonie présidée par le ministre de la Communication, Hamid Grine.

Cette cérémonie a été marquée, notamment, par l'augmentation du volume horaire de la Radio internationale algérienne qui passe de 14 heures à 18 heures par jour, et le lancement, à cette occasion, de la matinale de cette chaîne, dont M. Grine a été l'invité.

Lors de son intervention sur les ondes de cette chaîne, le ministre de la Communication a rendu hommage à l'ensemble des travailleurs de la Radio algérienne et salué le travail mené pour la "promotion de l'image de l'Algérie".

M. Grine a réitéré, par la même occasion, son appel aux journalistes quant à la nécessité de "respecter l'éthique et la déontologie" dans l'exercice de leur métier et aussi l'importance de donner une "information fiable". [...]

Texte complet et source: Algerie Presse Service (Alger), 17 déc. 2015; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 30/12/2015 [FR]

## **RDC: Une ONG prime Radio Okapi pour sa contribution à la paix en RDC**

<http://tinyurl.com/hwm5kw5>

L'ONG congolaise Undugu Sergio Vieira de Mello a remis mardi 29 décembre des diplômes d'ambassadeur de la paix à quelques journalistes et animateurs de Radio Okapi. Pour le coordonnateur national de cette ONG œuvrant pour la promotion de la culture de la paix et la prévention des conflits en RDC, Radio Okapi a énormément contribué au processus de paix et à la consolidation de la démocratie en RDC à travers ses émissions.

Selon Jean René Swedi Kimema, Radio Okapi a rendu énormément service à la nation congolaise, à travers ses animations, ses émissions. «Son programme très riche a contribué au développement de la culture de la paix, l'excellence, le développement socioéconomique du pays», a-t-il estimé. Il trouve normal et légitime que la population à la base puisse exprimer cette gratitude à la Radio de la paix à travers cette organization, qui travaille pour la paix depuis 2003.

«Radio Okapi a accompagné la population congolaise dans tous les processus de la paix, de la consolidation de la démocratie. Undugu exprime la gratitude du peuple congolais à travers ce geste à la Radio Okapi", a conclu Swedi Kimema.

Source: Radio Okapi (Kinshasa), 30 déc. 2015

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