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NEWS FROM : 2007-09-15

Nigeria: Voice of Biafra says it plans to go daily

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/?p=8770>

The coordinator of the clandestine station Radio Biafra/Voice of Biafra, Professor Edward Okparaji of Howard University in Washington, has told the Nigerian Tribune that the station will soon begin to broadcast on a daily basis. Currently, the station is on the air every Wednesday and Saturday according to the newspaper, but the actual schedule is not clear [...]

Source: Media Network Weblog Radio Nederland, 15/09/2007 quoting Nigerian Tribune 14/09/2007

ALERT FROM : 2007-09-16

Somalia: Govt Forces Detain And Life-Threaten Shabelle Journalists

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200709150110.html>

Forces from the transitional government of Somalia have forcibly entered the premises of Shabelle media Network, taking out journalists doing their routine job while accusing them of throwing hand grenades targeted at the police.

The forces have ordered all the personnel of the radio station to get out the building threatening that anyone who rejects their order would be shot dead on the spot.

"Two angry soldiers carrying their loaded guns entered the radio station asking where other journalists are" said Ifrah Abdi Samad while shaking with fear at the main gate of the radio station. After all journalists were paraded outside the radio, the soldiers released two female journalists, Sahro Yusuf Mohamed and Ifrah Abdisamad, all other male journalists were ordered to come with the soldiers along Aden Aa road down to Villa Somalia, the presidential palace where Somali president Mr. Abdullahi Yusuf stays.

The arrested journalists were 16 journalists including acting chairman of the radio, Mr. Bashir Nur Gedi who was at the office at the time of the Government forces raiding Shabelle Radio.

Lastly, the journalists were taken to the headquarter of the criminal investigation where they held for two hours and half while once one of the soldiers carrying heavy machinegun told them to line up threatening that he was going to kill them.

"The senior people at the headquarter ordered our release after two hours and half which really meant us ten hard years" said one journalist who refuses his name to be revealed as the journalists were told not to air or cover anything about their detention by the government.

Shabelle Media Network which is the most popular independent media house in Somalia has been a constant victim of threats, closures by Somalia's government while some of its journalists were detained and beaten many times.

Source : Shabelle Media Network (Mogadishu), 15 September 2007 - Posted to the web 15 September 2007 and quoted by allAfrica.com

NEWS FROM : 2007-09-16

Tunisia: New Private Koran-Focused Radio Station Launched<http://allafrica.com/stories/200709160196.html>

The first day in Ramadan was marked by the launch of Tunisia's third privately -owned Radio Station, dubbed the "Zeitouna Radio Station for the Holy Koran".

Taking its name from that of the olive tree in Arabic, the new Tunisian radio station which focuses on the Koran and its teachings, went on the air early on Thursday.

The news of its forthcoming airing, had been announced on Wednesday evening by President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, during a public address to the Tunisian people on the advent of the month of Ramadan.

The radio which broadcasts its programs around the clock on FM from Carthage , will cover more than 90% of the Tunisian territory.

In a statement made in Tunis , the project's initiator, Mr Mohamed Sakhr Materi, said that "the aim is for Tunisia to remain a beacon in the Islamic-Arab world, and a symbol of the dialogue and fruitful interaction between cultures and civilizations".

The new radio station will focus almost exclusively on the Koran and the remaining programs will focus on the life and teachings of the Prophet. The recitation of the Koran, as well as the psalms will be carried out by young Tunisians.

Mr Kamel Omrane, the radio station's new director and a university professor, said that the radio's initiator, has made sure that the radio is equipped with the latest cutting edge technology, guaranteeing the project with the best conditions of success.

Source: Tunisia Online (Tunis), 13 September 2007 - Posted to the web 16 September 2007 and quoted by allAfrica.com

NEWS FROM : 2007-09-17

Cape Verde/Guinea-Bissau: Community radios share knowledge

Over the years, Guinea-Bissau has gained a solid grounding in community radio broadcasting, and it wants to share this experience with Cape Verde.

The premises of [Cape Verde's] Voz de Santa Cruz [Voice of Santa Cruz] radio was the venue for a meeting of community radio presenters from both countries. The aim is to explain the role of a community radio station as a public service. [...] The meeting went on for five days and it was sponsored by the French cooperation agency. It is now hoped that a network of exchanges will be built between the community radios of Cape Verde and Guinea-Bissau.

Source: RTP Africa TV, Lisbon, in Portuguese 12/09/2007 quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newslines Media File 17/09/2007

ALERT FROM : 2007-09-18

Somalia: Journalist arrested in roundup, police raid studios of privately-run radiohttp://www.rsf.org/article.php3?id_article=23684

Reporters Without Borders today called on the authorities in Somalia to release Mohamed Hussein Jimaale, correspondent in Mogadishu for the news website Puntlandpost, arrested on 12 September and secretly held since that date.

The worldwide press freedom organisation regretted that despite repeated appeals from itself and most similar bodies, the federal transitional government had taken no serious steps to ensure the safety of journalists in Mogadishu and continued to refuse to agree with them on the right conditions for peaceful co-existence.

Jimaale was arrested in the Bakara market along with 70 other people while covering a police operation to arrest Islamist insurgents. Reporters Without Borders' partner organisation in Somalia, the National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) said police have given no information about him since his arrest.

Elsewhere, on 15 September, 14 journalists and five staff on the privately-owned Radio Shabelle were seized and held for more than two hours "in atrocious conditions", after police raided their studios, said the NUSOJ. One of the journalists was accused of having thrown a grenade at a police patrol.

Full report and source: Reporters Without Borders, Communiqué, Website, 17/09/2007

ALERT FROM : 2007-09-18

Somalie: une descente de police dans les locaux d'une radio privéehttp://www.rsf.org/article.php3?id_article=23680

Reporters sans frontières demande aux autorités somaliennes de relâcher Mohamed Hussein Jimaale, correspondant à Mogadiscio du site d'informations Puntlandpost, arrêté le 12 septembre 2007 et maintenu au secret depuis cette date.

L'organisation constate à regret que, malgré les appels répétés de la plupart des organisations de défense de la liberté de la presse, le gouvernement fédéral de transition n'a pris aucune mesure sérieuse pour garantir la sécurité des journalistes de Mogadiscio et continue de refuser de trouver, avec eux, les conditions d'une coexistence pacifique.

"Un journaliste arrêté dans une rafle et détenu au secret, une descente de police injustifiée dans les locaux d'une radio : en une semaine, deux nouveaux incidents sont venus s'ajouter à une longue liste. Le maintien de l'ordre en situation de crise ne saurait justifier le règne de l'arbitraire et de la brutalité, surtout lorsque l'objectif politique déclaré est d'instaurer la démocratie", a déclaré Reporters sans frontières.

Le 12 septembre 2007, Mohamed Hussein Jimaale a été arrêté dans le marché de Bakara, en compagnie de 70 autres personnes, alors qu'il couvrait une opération de police visant à arrêter des insurgés islamistes. Selon l'organisation partenaire de Reporters sans frontières en Somalie, l'Union nationale des journalistes somaliens (NUSOJ), la police n'a fourni aucune information sur son sort depuis son arrestation.

Par ailleurs, le 15 septembre, quatorze journalistes et cinq employés de la station privée Radio Shabelle ont été arrêtés et détenus pendant plus de deux heures "dans des conditions horribles", selon la NUSOJ, après que la police a fait irruption dans leurs studios. L'un des journalistes était accusé d'avoir lancé une grenade contre une patrouille.

Source: Reporters sans frontières, Communiqué et site, 17/09/2007

TRAINING FROM : 2007-09-18

Morocco : Training of Trainers course for journalists

Free Voice and partner organization Center for Defending Freedom of Journalists (CDFJ) shall organize one Training of trainers (ToT) course for journalists in October in Morocco.

In December an advanced TOT shall be organized for which the best candidates of all previous ToTs in the Investing in the Future program shall be selected.

Applications can be sent to info@cdfj.org

Source: Free Voice, Investing in the Future Newsletter, nr. 12, September 2007

ALERT FROM : 2007-09-19

Somalia: Radio Shabelle Building Besieged By Security Forceshttp://www.rsf.org/article.php3?id_article=23704

Reporters Without Borders calls on the transitional federal government to order its forces to lift the siege on the building in Mogadishu that houses privately-owned Radio Shabelle and to allow its journalists to go back to work. The building has been surrounded by security forces since yesterday morning.

"Mogadishu's violence must not be used as a pretext for such acts of hostility towards the staff of Radio Shabelle or other media," the press freedom organisation said. "It is time the Somali government took measures to allow journalists in the capital to play the important role that is their job. The security forces must be given clear orders to recognise their neutrality and guarantee their security."

The situation began when a mixed unit of Somali police and intelligence personnel tried to enter the building housing Radio Shabelle and privately-owned ISP Global Internet yesterday morning after a grenade was thrown at a patrol in the neighbourhood.

When the building's security guard refused to let them in, the police used automatic weapons to fire several bursts at the building, including the second and third floors, where the station is located, smashing all the windows. A Radio Shabelle journalist told Reporters Without Borders that one of Global Internet's guards was injured and an unidentified passer-by was killed.

The security forces then laid siege to the building for several hours before finally allowing employees to evacuate the building at the end of the afternoon, the same source said. Radio Shabelle has stopped broadcasting and the police are continuing to maintain their positions around the building. Global Internet is no longer operating either. [...]

Full report and source: Reporters Without Borders, Communiqués and website, 19/09/2007

ALERT FROM : 2007-09-19

Somalie: L'immeuble de Radio Shabelle assiégé par les forces de sécuritéhttp://www.rsf.org/article.php3?id_article=23698

Reporters sans frontières demande au gouvernement fédéral de transition somalien d'ordonner à ses troupes de lever le siège de l'immeuble abritant la station privée Radio Shabelle, encerclé par les forces de sécurité depuis le 18 septembre 2007 dans la matinée, et de permettre à ses journalistes de reprendre leur travail.

"La violence qui meurtrit Mogadiscio ne peut pas servir de prétexte à des actes d'une telle hostilité, prenant pour cibles le personnel de Radio Shabelle ou d'autres médias. Il est urgent que le gouvernement somalien prenne enfin des mesures pour que les journalistes de la capitale puissent remplir la mission importante qui est la leur et que les forces de sécurité reçoivent des ordres clairs pour reconnaître leur neutralité et garantir leur sécurité", a déclaré l'organisation.

Dans la matinée du 18 septembre 2007, une unité mixte de la police somalienne et des services de renseignements a tenté d'entrer dans l'immeuble abritant Radio Shabelle et le fournisseur d'accès privé Global Internet, après qu'une grenade avait été lancée contre une patrouille dans le quartier. Le garde de sécurité ayant refusé d'ouvrir, les soldats ont tiré plusieurs rafales contre l'immeuble, notamment les deuxième et troisième étages où se trouvent les bureaux de la radio, faisant voler en éclats toutes les vitres. L'un des gardes de Global Internet a été blessé et un passant non identifié a été tué, selon un journaliste de la station, contacté par Reporters sans frontières. Les forces de sécurité ont alors fait le siège de l'immeuble pendant plusieurs heures, avant d'autoriser l'évacuation du personnel, en fin d'après-midi, selon la même source. Radio Shabelle a cessé de diffuser et la police a conservé ses positions autour de l'immeuble. Les services de Global Internet ne sont plus assurés. [...]

Texte complet et source: Reporters sans frontières, Communiqué et site, 19/09/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-09-20

Zimbabwe: Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe says applicants "fail to meet criteria"<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/?p=8798>

The Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe says it has not licenced new radio and television stations because applicants are failing to meet the "stringent criteria", the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Transport and Communications heard yesterday.

The committee took the authority to task for failing to effectively monitor licenced operators, including the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Holdings television and radio stations who were not complying with the 75 percent local content legislation.

BAZ chief executive Mr Obert Muganyura told the committee that "We gave the projection that we would by this time (have) licenced new players on the understanding that the Broadcasting Act would have been amended but it has not yet."

The authority had invited applications for licences but "not a single applicant has managed to meet the required licencing" he said, adding that the Broadcasting Act had several inconsistencies and barriers included the shareholding structure required as well as prohibition of foreign funding and donations.

The committee also quizzed BAZ what it had done to address the failure by Transmedia to provide broadcasting services to the nation. "We have tried to push Transmedia to ensure broadcasting services are available in all areas but they are saying they have problems with funding," Mr Muganyura said.

The committee also questioned why BAZ was silent on the ZBH's failure to meet the 75 percent local content and 25 percent independent producers programming as required by law.

Source: Zimbabwe Herald quoted by Media network Weblog Radio Netherlands, 18/09/2007

This entry was posted on Tuesday, September 18th, 2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-09-20

Kenya: Two radio stations launch in Kenyan capital<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/?p=8787>

BBC Monitoring observed on 18 September 2007 the existence of two new radio stations in Nairobi. The first is Umoja FM that is broadcasting lots of African music on 101.5 MHz. However, information posted on the broadcasting regulator's web site, Communications Commission of Kenya

(CCK), identified the station as "Neural Digital". This name could refer to the radio's owners. Umoja is unity in Swahili. [...]

Also on air in Nairobi is an unidentified station broadcasting non-stop music on 91.5 MHz. The CCK web site says this frequency belongs to Bridge Media. The Expression Today report noted that Bridge Media has frequencies for Mombasa, Kisumu, Nyeri (central Kenya), Meru, Kitui (southeast), and Kisii (west).

Meanwhile, the BBC World Service has changed two of its Kenyan FM frequencies. According to paid press advertisements on 15 September, the service has changed its Nairobi frequency from 93.7 to 93.9 MHz, while the one for Kisumu changes from 88.2 MHz to 88.1 MHz.

Full report and source: BBC Monitoring research, 18/09/2007 quoted by Media network Weblog Radio Netherlands, 19/09/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-09-20

Kenya: New Radio station in Malindi

<http://finndxer.wordpress.com/2007/07/26/new-fm-station-launched-in-kenya/>

Kenyan private African Broadcasting Corporation, has in collaboration with an Italian company, established a radio station to broadcast programmes in the local Giriama dialect as well as in Kiswahili, English and Italian, from Kenya's coastal region.

The "103.3 Sauti ya Pwani FM," which has already started trial transmission, would be formally launched in the tourist resort town of Malindi in July, according to one of the directors, Marco Luciani. It is the first private broadcasting venture in Malindi, a renowned tourist destination.

Source: PANA via africa-interactive.net, quoted by Wordpress.com Blog July 26, 2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-09-20

Madagascar: 60 jeunes reporters malgaches sur le terrain

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200708280198.html>

Soixante jeunes Malgaches ont été formés en journalisme et en production d'émissions radiophoniques. Âgés de 13 à 18 ans et issus des Juniors reporters clubs (Jrc), ils vont travailler sur des programmes destinés à renforcer la participation citoyenne des jeunes.

Ce programme initié par l'Unicef est développé en collaboration avec des radios partenaires.

Présents dans différentes régions de Madagascar, les Jrc regroupent cent cinquante jeunes.

La formation de ces jeunes reporters a duré cinq jours. Ils auront à mener des enquêtes sur des sujets ayant des implications pour la jeunesse. Au terme de leur formation, ces journalistes en herbe ont été dotés de kits et de matériel pour leur travail.

Source : L'Express de Madagascar, 28/8/07, repris par All Africa et [MediActu] Panos Afrique de l'Ouest, 149 - août 2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-09-20

Guinée: Perfectionnement au management éditorial des radios privées

Jean Karim Fall, sera en mission à Conakry, en Guinée, du 7 au 15 octobre, pour animer une formation de "Perfectionnement au management éditorial des radios privées".

Source: RFI Talent+, La lettre d'information, septembre 2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-09-21

Liberia: LMC/RNTC Launches Community Radio Project

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200709200713.html>

The Liberia Media Center will on Thursday officially launch in Monrovia, a broadcast training facility and a community radio support project in partnership with the Radio Netherlands Training Center.

The community radio project known as the initiative for Mobile Training of Community Radio (INFORMOTRAC) is a four-year support program geared towards building the capacities of community radio stations across the country as soon as possible.

An LMC release issued in Monrovia says, the INFORMOTRAC project is being implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism with funding from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. [...]

In its initial phase, the INFORMOTRAC project will provide six stations in Nimba, Margibi and Lofa with broadcast and studio equipment and routine training and technical support.

The six beneficiary stations include Radio Nimba, Radio Kergheamahn, Radio Voice of Tappitta, Radio Kakata, Radio Peace and Radio Life. Later, in 2007, LMC and RNTC will select a new batch of

partner stations. [...]

Full report and source: The Inquirer (Monrovia), 20 September 2007 - Posted to the web 20 September 2007 quoted by allAfrica.com

ALERT FROM : 2007-09-22

Niger: RFI and RSF correspondent held incommunicado

http://www.rsf.org/article.php3?id_article=23731

Reporters Without Borders calls for the immediate release of Moussa Kaka, director of privately-owned Radio Saraouniya and Niger correspondent of Radio France Internationale and Reporters Without Borders, who was arrested yesterday evening and who is being held at police headquarters in Niamey.

"Our correspondent's arrest indicates that, under pressure from the Tuareg rebellion, the Niger authorities are taking a tougher line," Reporters Without Borders said. "President Mamadou Tandja should realise this will just make the situation worse. Trying to conceal an awkward reality will not make it go away."

Kaka was arrested at about 6 p.m. at his radio station in Niamey and was taken to police headquarters, where he has been held ever since. The police searched his home and took the draft of a report he had sent to RFI. The authorities have not said why he is being. Under Niger law, the police can hold a suspect incommunicado for 24 hours before allowing him to see a lawyer.

Radio Saraouniya is an independent station that has given extensive coverage to the Tuareg Rebels of the Niger People's Movement for Justice (MNJ) deadly attacks on military bases in the north and interviewed one of its leaders, Agali Alambo. Kaka was publicly threatened by army chief of staff Gen. Moumouni Boureima on 14 July. Thereafter, RFI's local FM broadcasts were suspended for a month by the media regulatory authority, the Superior Council for Communication (CSC), for "disseminating mendacious reports" about the MNJ.

Source: Reporters Without Borders, Communiqué and Website, 21/09/2007

ALERT FROM : 2007-09-22

Niger: Le correspondant de RFI et de RSF arrêté par la gendarmerie

http://www.rsf.org/article.php3?id_article=23730

Reporters sans frontières demande la libération immédiate de Moussa Kaka, directeur de la station privée Radio Saraouniya, correspondant au Niger de Radio France Internationale (RFI) et Reporters sans frontières, arrêté le 20 septembre 2007 et maintenu en détention à la gendarmerie de Niamey.

"L'arrestation de notre correspondant marque un durcissement des autorités nigériennes, mises sous pression par la question de la rébellion touareg. Le président Mamadou Tandja doit comprendre que ce raidissement n'aboutira qu'à une dégradation plus grave de la situation. Masquer une réalité dérangeante ne la fait pas disparaître pour autant", a déclaré Reporters sans frontières.

Moussa Kaka a été interpellé par des policiers en civil le 20 septembre aux environ de 18 heures dans les locaux de sa radio, à Niamey, et conduit à la gendarmerie où il est détenu depuis. Son domicile a été perquisitionné et la police a saisi le brouillon d'un reportage envoyé à RFI. Aucun motif officiel n'a été fourni pour justifier l'arrestation du journaliste. La loi nigérienne autorise la gendarmerie à détenir un suspect pendant vingt-quatre heures au secret avant de lui permettre de voir un avocat.

Radio Saraouniya est une radio indépendante qui a largement rendu compte des attaques meurtrières du groupe rebelle touareg Mouvement des Nigériens pour la justice (MNJ) contre des bases militaires, dans le Nord, et qui a donné la parole à l'un de ses chefs, Agali Alambo. Moussa Kaka avait été publiquement menacé de mort, le 14 juillet, par le général Boureima, chef d'état-major de l'armée. Les émissions de RFI avaient par la suite été suspendues pendant un mois par l'organe de régulation des médias, le Conseil supérieur de la communication (CSC), pour avoir prétendument "diffusé des informations mensongères" sur les événements liés au MNJ.

Source: Reporters sans frontières, communiqué et site, 21/09/2007

ALERT FROM : 2007-09-25

Liberia: Journalists Manhandled By Presidential Bodyguards

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200709241244.html>

On 21 September 2007, bodyguards of President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, from the Special Security Service (SSS), brutalized and intimidated several local journalists and correspondents of international news organizations.

The journalists, including Jonathan Paylelay of the BBC, Dosso Zoom of Radio France International, Alphonso Towah of the Reuters News Agency and other local journalists told CEMESP that they were physically assaulted by the SSS officers.

During the scuffle, journalists Paylelay, Zoom and Towah were held by their clothes, beaten and bundled out of the interview area for what the presidential guards termed as "bridge of protocol." The journalists, who had gathered at the Roberts International Airport as early as 11.00 a.m. (local time), far ahead of the scheduled arrival of the Sierra Leonean President Ernest Koroma, were earlier denied entry into the VIP terminal where both Presidents Koroma and Ellen Johnson Sirleaf later signed a joint communiqué for a non-aggression treaty between Sierra Leone and Liberia. A few minutes after the incident, Presidential Press Secretary Cyrus Badio met with the offended journalists and apologized for the action perpetrated against them by the State security personnel. This latest action of state security personnel against journalists is not the first since the induction of President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf almost two years ago.

Source: Center For Media Studies and Peace Building (Monrovia), Press Release 24 September 2007 - Posted to the web 24 September 2007 and quoted by allAfrica.com

ALERT FROM : 2007-09-25

South Africa: ICASA's Ultimatum for Jozi FM

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200709250202.html>

The Council of the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) last week gave the management and board of directors of the Soweto-based community radio station Jozi-FM a list of special conditions that the station must comply with in order to assist with the resolution of the crisis it faces.

Among those conditions is that Jozi FM must convene an AGM on Saturday, 6 October 2007, at a venue and time accessible and conducive to community based-organisations and individual members. Further, Jozi FM is required to make arrangements with the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) to facilitate the election of the community forum structure and board for the station.

ICASA and the National Community Radio Forum will attend the meeting as observers.

ICASA will work closely with the board and management of Jozi FM with a view to assisting the station in meeting all licence conditions required. ICASA appeals to all stakeholders within the community of Soweto to support the process and to allow the board and management of the station, as custodians of the licence, to pave a way to normality for the station.

Source: Biz-Community (Cape Town), 25 September 2007 - Posted to the web 25 September 2007 and quoted by allAfrica.com

NEWS FROM : 2007-09-26

Madagascar: La Radio des Jeunes se donne de nouveaux horizons

<http://www.lexpressmada.com/index.php?p=display&id=9590&search=radio>

Une radio privée, dont la principale cible est la catégorie des jeunes, compte améliorer son confort d'écoute et ses émissions, en vue de son cinquième anniversaire. [...]

A l'occasion de son 4ème anniversaire, la "Radio des jeunes" (RDJ), captée sur la fréquence 96.6 Mégahertz, projette de s'ouvrir vers de nouvelles perspectives.

Dorénavant, Analamanga et ses environs ne seront plus les seuls à recevoir cette station sur leur poste. La RDJ a l'intention de couvrir la région Vakinankaratra et ses alentours. Dans une autre optique, elle étendra son savoir-faire sur le monde de l'audiovisuel pour ses cinq ans d'existence. Le directeur général, Tahiana Rasolojaona, entouré de ses collaborateurs, se veut être le porte-parole des jeunes de moins de 25 ans, avec 120 000 auditeurs recensés par jour.

Jeudi, dans le local de la station à Analakely, fut une occasion pour le directeur général de la station de mettre en exergue cette jeunesse dont il est si fier.

Selon lui, la RDJ n'est pas uniquement une station de radio, elle se veut être aussi un promoteur d'événements culturels et sportifs, à savoir la "RDJ mozika, Torajoko, Alley Hoop, Smile Party, qui en est à sa 3ème édition et Last Night".

"L'épanouissement des jeunes malgaches est essentiel. Il doit se faire par l'éducation et le divertissement. La RDJ est un moyen utilisé par les promoteurs pour apporter leur contribution pour valoriser la jeunesse malgache", note Tahiana Rasolojaona.

Source: L'Express de Madagascar en ligne 21/07/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-09-26

Nigeria: Unesco Boosts Unilag Radio With N1.190m

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200709251153.html>

University of Lagos (UNILAG) has received equipment worth over Naira 1 million [approx. EUR 7,000.00] from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) for its Mass Communication Radio station.

UNESCO's Director and Country Representative in Nigeria, Mr. Abhimanyu Singh, while presenting the equipment to the university management on Monday in Abuja said the gesture was in line with the organization's resolve towards supporting independent and pluralistic media in the country. Mr. Singh said "the Support for independent and pluralistic media project was approved in 2007 within the strategic plans of UNESCO's communication and information sector for the development of a free and vibrant local media." [...]

Speaking on the reason for the choice of UNILAG as the recipient of the equipment, Mr. Singh said the institution's mass communication radio falls within the needed criteria.

He said the medium had been identified as a potential centre for excellence in the new millennium, adding that station was the only community radio in the country. [...] Receiving the equipment which include audio mixers, portable audio recorders, audio tapes and compact discs and external microphones, the Vice Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Tolu Odugbemi, said the relationship between UNESCO and the institution had lasted over 40 years. [...]

Full report and source: Daily Champion (Lagos), 25 September 2007 - Posted to the web 25 September 2007 and quoted by allAfrica.com

ALERT FROM : 2007-09-26

Nigeria: NBC Denies Shutting Down Radio Stations in Jigawa

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200709250642.html>

The National Broadcasting Commission [NBC] has denied shutting down any radio station in Jigawa state.

A statement signed by the Commission's Acting Head, Public Affairs, Ahmed Abdulkadir and made available to Daily Trust stated that "Our attention has been drawn to a news report carried in the 'Daily Trust' of Thursday, September 13, 2007 and 'Leadership' of Friday, September 14, 2007 to the effect that the Commission has shut down 11 radio stations established by the former governor of Jigawa state, Ibrahim Saminu Turaki".

The statement added that reports quoted the Jigawa state commissioner of Information, Alhaji Muktar Birniwa, as the source of the news but "NBC wishes to state categorically that at no time did it ever shut down any radio station in Jigawa state".

The commission appeals to all media organisations to always verify their facts on any issue before going to the press.

Source: Daily Trust (Abuja), 25 September 2007 - Posted to the web 25 September 2007 and quoted by allAfrica.com

ALERT FROM : 2007-09-28

Somalia: Radio Shabelle manager narrowly escapes murder attempt

http://www.rsf.org/article.php3?id_article=23784

Reporters Without Borders is appalled by the attempted murder on 24 September of privately-owned Radio Shabelle's acting manager, Jafar "Kukay" Mohammed, the latest target of a wave of political killings that seems to be aimed at demonstrating that the transitional federal government is unable to guarantee security in the Somali capital. [...]

The attack on Mohammed was carried out by an unidentified man, who pulled out a pistol from under his shirt and fired at him twice but failed to hit him. The assailant then fled. Radio Shabelle has not been broadcasting since a unit of police and intelligence officers opened fire 10 days ago on the central Mogadishu building that houses its studios because they suspected it had been used for a grenade attack on a patrol. The government later said it was an "accident." The station's staff are in hiding or are trying to flee the country to get out of harm's way. [...]

The government and the local authorities loyal to it meanwhile continue to arrest journalists who give them problems. Independent journalists Libaan Gahnug and Faysal Jama were arrested by the security forces of the semi-autonomous northeastern region of Puntland on 25 September after photographing fighting in the disputed town of Las Anod between Puntland troops and forces from the breakaway northern territory of Somaliland. Gahnug was released the same day but Jama is still being held.

Hussein Hassan Dhaqane, a journalist with privately-owned Radio Darban, was arrested for still

unknown reasons on the evening of 23 September in Beledweyne, in the southern Hiran region (100 km north of Baidoa). He is still being held by the regional police.

Full report and source: Reporters Without Borders, Website, 27/09/2007

ALERT FROM : 2007-09-28

Somalie: Le directeur de Radio Shabelle échappe à un assassinat

http://www.rsf.org/article.php3?id_article=23783

Reporters sans frontières est révoltée par la tentative d'assassinat dont a été victime, le 24 septembre 2007, Jafar Mohammed "Kukay", directeur en exercice de la station privée Radio Shabelle, nouvelle victime d'une vague de crimes politiques dont l'objectif pourrait être de démontrer que le gouvernement fédéral de transition est incapable d'assurer la sécurité dans la capitale somalienne. [...]

Le 24 septembre, un inconnu a sorti un pistolet qu'il cachait sous sa chemise et a tiré deux balles en direction de Jafar Mohammed "Kukay", directeur en exercice de Radio Shabelle. Le journaliste n'a pas été touché et l'agresseur est parvenu à prendre la fuite. La radio n'émet plus depuis une dizaine de jours, après qu'une unité mixte de la police et des services de renseignements a ouvert le feu contre l'immeuble qui abrite ses studios, dans le centre-ville de Mogadiscio. Les forces de sécurité suspectaient le bâtiment d'avoir servi à une attaque à la grenade contre une patrouille. Depuis, le gouvernement fédéral de transition a qualifié cette attaque d'"accident" et le personnel de la station se cache ou cherche à quitter le pays pour se mettre en sécurité. [...]

Hussein Hassan Dhaqane, journaliste de la station privée Radio Darban, a été pour sa part arrêté pour des raisons encore inconnues, dans la soirée du 23 septembre, à Beledweyne, dans la région de Hiran (Sud, 100 km au nord de Baidoa). Il est toujours en détention dans les locaux de la police régionale.

Texte complet et source: Reporters sans frontières, Website, 27/09/2007

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