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## BBC sabotaging Press TV broadcasts

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The British Broadcasting Corporation is showering Afghan cable networks with lucrative deals to cut broadcastings of Iran's English-language news channel, Press TV.

The Press TV bureau in Kabul was informed on Wednesday that "a number of BBC employees have recently contacted the cable networks' union in Herat to persuade them into breaking contract with Press TV and blocking all satellite transmission of its programs."

"The BBC reportedly offered to triple the union's pay once it agrees to strip Press TV of its broadcasting rights in Herat," the bureau added.

The move has drawn sharp criticism from media figures in Iran, who believe it is in line with US efforts to limit Press TV activities in Afghanistan, which is grappling with an all-out humanitarian crisis since the US-led invasion in 2001.

Last year, US military forces confiscated technical equipment of Press TV's Afghanistan bureau, only days before Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made a visit to the country.

Local reports revealed that Press TV has started to emerge as a popular news source among the people and even journalists in Afghanistan.

According to the reports, Afghan officials and ordinary citizens have welcomed Press TV as an alternative, more credible news source, ever since it became available on cable in Kabul and various provinces.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai, meanwhile, recently told a private gathering that he tunes into Press TV's news reports as he finds them to be more reliable and enlightening than other English language news sources.

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I LOVE PRESS T.V .WE KNOW ONLY WITH STRONG PUBLIC SUPPORT WE CAN KEEP GOOD PROGRAMMS GOING.WE SEE EVERY DAY, SO CALLED "FREE WESTERN MEDIA" IS WORKING.

#### pia

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presstv you are the hope for many people in the west, more and more people looks you, without you no trues will come out, please stay strong and work, in germany they also try the manipulation in the media, and its works, so presstv we need you,

#### pg swim

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#### ola

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long Live Press TV.

#### SILLY ME

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WELL I AM A SILLY, I ALLWAYS THOUGHT BBC MENT. BARMITZFER BROADCASTING CORPORATION

#### 9JA 4 REAL

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I WAS FORMALLY A FAN OF AL-JAZEERA....BUT WHEN I CAME ACROSS PRESS TV THROUGH THE MIRACLE QURANIC RUSSIAN BABY...I FELL IN LOVE WITH THE TRUTH IT BROADCASTS. BBC IS FAIRLY GUD AT REPORTING LOCAL UK NEWS BUT FOR INTERNATIONAL NEWS, BBC IS JUST A SLAVE OF THE WORLD ORDER.

#### JKH

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Press TV is the closest perhaps to the truth than all of the other channels who are complete bias against Muslims and who also have an agenda. Press TV have come a long way in a short span of time. The other media channels have managed to brainwash the masses successfully with thier false propoganda.

**AFRCA**

Wed, 09 Jun 2010 17:34:06 GMT

BBC IS AFRAID NOW OF PRESS TV WOW,U R DOING A GOOD JOB AND EVEN HERE IN AFRICA ITS ONLY PREEEEEEEEEEEEEEES TV ,KEEP IT UP GUYS THAY R SHAKING

**LOB**

Wed, 09 Jun 2010 17:17:40 GMT

I enjoy reading opinions generated outside of western media because they give me another perspective. I really appreciate reading Press TV and thank it owners and journalists for taking the time to write news in the English language.

**madman #7**

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I think the BBC are great! If anyone remembers 9-11, the BBC announced the collapse of building #7, 5 minutes before it happened!

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