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Illegally detained

## Militia holding two British journalists urged to surrender them to competent authorities

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Reporters Without Borders firmly condemns the continuing detention of two British TV journalists, reporter **Nicholas Davies-Jones** and cameraman **Gareth Montgomery-Johnson**, who were arrested in Tripoli on 21 February by a Misrata-based militia and are still being held by the same militia.

According to [Human Rights Watch](#), three Libyans who were accompanying the journalists were also arrested.

The journalists, freelancers who mainly work for Iran's state-owned English-language TV news station *Press TV*, were arrested by Saraya Swehli, a militia led by Faraj Swehli, while driving around Tripoli late at night taking photos, Human Rights Watch said.

"These two journalists are being detained arbitrarily and in an utterly illegal manner," Reporters Without Borders said. "They must be handed over to the competent Libyan authorities as a matter of urgency for examination of their situation. This state of anarchy and lawlessness has gone on too long."

The militia refused to surrender the journalists to the interior ministry on 26 February.

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