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Al-Abasiya - Act II

## Iraqi opposition TV station's staff to be charged with terrorism

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Reporters Without Borders deplores a Jordanian state security court prosecutor's decision yesterday to bring terrorism charges against Amman-based Iraqi opposition TV station *Al-Abasiya*'s owner and 13 journalists, three days after their arrest during a [police raid](#) and the station's closure.

RWB calls for the immediate release of all those detained during the raid, and the withdrawal of all charges.

[A judicial source](#) told *Agence France-Presse* that the prosecutor was accusing the 14 detainees of "*using the Internet to carry out acts that exposed Jordanians to attack.*" They are facing possible five-year jail sentences.

Jordan's broadcasting commission separately told *AFP* that *Al-Abasiya* had been broadcasting illegally from Jordan, without a licence.

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