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Improvised bomb explodes

Journalist wounded in blast at offices of Dunya Radio

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Reporters Without Borders deplores the attack today on the station *Dunya Radio* in Parwan Province and urges the police to conduct a thorough investigation to find those behind the attack.

An improvised explosive device destroyed the office of the station's director in the early hours. A journalist, **Mohamad Agaha Ghane**, was injured by flying glass and suffered hearing loss. His injuries were not life-threatening.

The attack on the radio station, which has been broadcasting for the past three years from the provincial capital Chaharikar in north-east Afghanistan, was the first on a media outlet in Parwan. The director, **Mohammad Shafi Moshfegh**, said he had received no threats and no group claimed responsibility.

"I believe only enemies of freedom of expression would attack a media organization that defends the truth and whose mission it to inform," Moshfegh told Reporters Without Borders. "Other than that, we have no enemies."

The attack on Dunya Radio, whose offices are located near the police station, occurred nearly six years after the murder of de **Zakia Zaki**, the director of the station *Sada-e-Solh* (Peace Radio) in Parwan Province. This voice of peace and resistance was brutally silenced in June 2007 and her killers remain at large thanks to the climate of impunity that prevails in the country.
