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Dear Sirs,

i am very concerned, that Arab News Network has been the subject of an act of piracy and jamming . This has led recently to the pulling out of ANN station from Arabsat and Nilesat . It is obviously being the victim of criminal piracy on the European Hotbird Satellite.

This station (ANN) which carries the message of freedom and democracy over the last twelve years has now become a target of the forces of dictatorships and political tyranny. These forces have also interfered with websites and other media which uphold freedom of expression.

I like to aks you: how such forces are allowed to work against the freedom of expression using the tools of technological terrorism to sabotage a station which promotes freedom and democracy. If they succeed in silencing Arab News Network without any deterrence, this is not very different from the acts of piracy which are now taking place off the Somali coast.

I cannot accept this despicable acts and transgressions against free speech and communication.

What is happening to ANN today maybe a common place for other broadcasters tomorrow?

This fact I mentioned by mail to all German Ambassadors in the Arab countries and to the German State Department

Waiting your urgent response

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