

Libyan state TV staff suspends work over security row after alleged assault by militia guard

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TRIPOLI, Libya — Staff members at Libya's state TV news channel have suspended work indefinitely.

After an employee was allegedly assaulted by a member of a militia guarding their building. Live shows were cancelled, and Libya al-Wataniya was airing only archive video on Tuesday.

An employee at the channel, who spoke anonymously because he feared retribution from militiamen, said that staff wants the army or police to secure the building. The TV building, like most of Libya, is secured by militias aligned with the government. The channel's top managers declined to comment. Two years after the country's civil war, Libya is struggling to build a national security force and reign in militias that were formed when rebels fought to oust the country's longtime dictator, Moammar Gadhafi, in 2011.

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