

The following e-mails, detailing communication between Al Jazeera staff, were legally procured as a result of the independent investigations of journalist Mohannad Sabry. E-mail addresses, phone numbers, and names that do not appear in the story have been redacted for privacy.

From: Nadim Baba

Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 2:16 PM

To: AJE-Bureaux-Cairo; Afaf Saoudi; [REDACTED]

Subject: Friday Egypt coverage

Hi all,

As there are anti-coup alliance marches planned for Friday afternoon, let's meet at the temporary office at 11am (9g).

Baher [REDACTED] then Baher+Nadim, will drive around so we can do phonos. (Reminder: [REDACTED] will be early reporter, [REDACTED] mid-shift, Nadim late.)

We will then decide on sending Mahdi with a small camera to get footage.

*Doha confirmed that we closed down the AJE bureau, ie it was not closed down by the Egyptian authorities. At some point over the next week we hope to be able to return to the bureau.

From: Afaf Saoudi

Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 1:22 PM

To: Nadim Baba; AJE-Bureaux-Cairo; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Friday Egypt coverage

Indeed Nadim for this week you will operate from our temporary office in the Marriott then we will reassess next week if it is safe to go back to our office and have business as usual,

AFAF SAOUDI

acting Executive Producer-Newsgathering

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From: Heba Fahmy

Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 4:31 PM

To: Afaf Saoudi; Nadim Baba; AJE-Bureaux-Cairo; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Subject: Security situation in Egypt

Hi,

I think there is a problem with misinformation and Doha doesn't understand the severity of the security situation in Cairo and the case against our office assistant Moustafa Hawa.

Mostafa Hawa was charged with "running a channel without any permits and possessing unlicensed equipment in it, without knowing the origin of this equipment."

In Arabic literally: "ادارة قناة بدون ترخيص و حيازة اجهزة غير مرخص بها مجهولة المصدر"

The prosecution also ordered the "CONFISCATION" OF THE BUREAU OFFICE, "as well as the equipment, which is now under the jurisdiction of the prosecution, until a trial date is set for the case.

In Arabic: "التحفظ على العين", the lawyer explained to us that this means the bureau HAS BEEN CLOSED DOWN AND CONFISCATED BY THE PROSECUTION and we will NOT be allowed to return to the bureau until the case goes to trial and Mostafa is acquitted of the charges.

And the case WILL BE REFERRED TO TRIAL, because Moustafa was released on LE10,000 bail like you all know, which means that there is a CASE AND CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

This is the information we got from Ahmed Dawoud, one of the lawyers handling Mostafa Hawa's case. Here's his number if you want to confirm yourselves: [REDACTED], you can also call Mr.Farag Fathy,also lawyer on the case: [REDACTED]

Our local security confirmed that security forces are hanging around our building to make sure no-one goes back into the apartment and detain anyone who tries, that's why security forces attacked the apartment when freelance producer Sherif elhelwa and others went to the bureau, without consulting local security.

I would like to stress that AJE is "NOT FREE" to operate in Cairo, because the prosecution considers us as a channel without permits, according to the charges against Mostafa and we CAN NOT return back to the bureau anytime soon, until the prosecution refutes its decision or Mostafa is acquitted.

Thank you for your time,
Heba Fahmy

> From: Mohamed Fadel Fahmy [mailto:]
> Sent: Saturday, September 07, 2013 3:00 PM
> To: Salah Negm; Afaf Saoudi
> Subject: AJE Legal/Security Situation in Cairo

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> Dear Mr. Salah,

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> I have met with the whole team yesterday on my first day and I am impressed with their attitude and energy considering the pressure they have been dealing with lately on the ground.

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> Our coverage yesterday on the went well and the team is eager to do more reporting as soon as Doha approves that.

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> However, the staff is very concerned where Al Jazeera stands legally and I would like to be able to comfort them at some point regarding their security and well being. As you know, the producers yesterday expressed their concern with the security situation and preferred to work from home.

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> They producers are doing an excellent job in sending the information to the reporters and I have appointed our field producers and a freelance producer to assist them in the hotel at all times. I understand the reporters are not too happy with this arrangement but I believe the concerns of the producers are valid especially the ladies but of course we would have to revisit the matter once the security situation improves.

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> I have read the email Heba Fahmy sent after she spoke to the lawyers and I have also spoken to Mustapha Hawa and Baher regarding their detention and details of the case.

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> I would just like to suggest that I am willing to meet the lawyers myself to try and get a better picture of where we stand legally and what to expect in the near future especially that Mustapha claims that he has been released on bail and his case is still pending according to the information he passed on to me. I would be able to read the legal documentation myself and relay the findings to Doha accordingly. I can get a copy of the prosecutor's report which would indicate the official position.

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> I understand its better to keep a low profile and take things slow but I am offering to assist if you think that would give a clearer picture of where AJE stands.

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> Thank you and looking forward to hearing your feedback.

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> From: Afaf Saoudi [REDACTED]
> Date: Sun, 8 Sep 2013 07:53:41
> To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@negm[REDACTED]>
> Subject: RE: AJE Legal/Security Situation in Cairo

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> Dear Mr. Fahmy,

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> I appreciate your concern about the legal issue but Doha management will deal with it from here .
> Please just focus on the production side at the moment and on how best we can tell the story with the limitations we have . May
> be we can start working on a pkg with a PTC starting from Tuesday and take it from there.

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> Very Best,

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> Afaf

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From: Mohamed Fadel Fahmy [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2013 3:22 PM
To: Salah Negm; Afaf Saoudi; Heather Allen
Subject: Inquiry about AJE package running on AJ Mubasher

Dear Mr. Salah,

I hope you are well and not too stressed with work.

We produced a package on hundreds of children wrongfully detained with adults after their arrest in Raba and Nahda sit-down dispersals. I personally reached out to the lawyers and families profiled in the story and made the distinction between Al Jazeera English and Al Jazeera Egypt Mubasher due to the increased tension on ground here toward the Arabic channel.

Our AJE package ran at least 5 times but last night I noticed that the package was voiced into Arabic and broadcast on Al Jazeera Mubasher Misr.

Please excuse my inquiry if this is normal protocol in the network but I would imagine that due to the security situation this action may come back to bite us.

The team here was also concerned regarding this matter so I just wanted to understand if this is a normal procedure.

Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Inquiry about AJE package running on AJ Mubasher
Date: Fri, 27 Sep 2013 13:57:08 +0000

I will handle this . Thank you for alerting me .

Best

Salah

M SABRY