

Police disrupt Radio Dialogue event

Zimbabwean police last Saturday disrupted a family fun day in Bulawayo organised by Radio Dialogue in a move that organisers said was aimed at stopping the aspiring broadcaster from giving its voice to the public.

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According to its website, Radio Dialogue is a non-profit making community radio station aspiring to broadcast to the community of Bulawayo and its surrounding areas.

Radio Dialogue's acting executive director Kudzai Kwangari said police took him from the venue to Bulawayo Central Police where he was interrogated.

He was subsequently released on condition that he told those gathered for the event that they were engaged in an illegal gathering.

"I was forced to tell people that they should disperse. However, I just told them that the police had an announcement to make, and they went on to tell the people to disperse," Kwangari said.

With the Broadcasting Services Act, Zimbabwe has one of the most repressive broadcasting laws in the world.

The government runs the public broadcaster and there are no licensed independent radio or television stations.

Radio Dialogue, with fully equipped state of the art studios, is in the forefront of pushing for the opening up of the airwaves.

Capital Radio broadcasted for almost a week from a secret location that was later discovered. Its equipment was seized.

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