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The National Radio and TV Council of Ukraine Bans Broadcast of Russian TV Channel Dozhd

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On 12 January 2017, the National Radio and TV Council (NRTC) of Ukraine voted unanimously to cease the retransmission of the Russian TV Channel Dozhd (Rain) within a month, following TV reports showing Crimea as part of Russia.

NRTC member Serhiy Kostynsky said that Dozhd's depictions of Crimea as a Russian republic had spurred the decision, but that the station had also repeatedly violated Ukrainian advertising laws throughout 2016.

Dozhd Director Natalya Sindeyeva explained that Russian law requires the use of maps that indicate Russia's possession of Crimea. She also claims that the channel had not received any official notice of non-compliance from the Ukrainian authorities.

OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media Dunja Mijatović qualified on Twitter the ban as "very damaging for media pluralism in Ukraine".

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ▼

- ➦ CPJ statement: "Ukraine bans Russia's independent Dozhd TV station"
- ➦ EFJ statement: "Ukraine: National Radio and TV Council bans broadcast of Russian TV Dozhd"
- ➦ Report published on the Mapping Media Freedom platform: "Ukraine/Україна: Authorities ban independent Russian TV channel Dozhd "
- ➦ Article published by Radio Free Europe: "Ukraine Bans Broadcasts Of Independent Russian TV Station Dozhd"

 National Radio and TV Council (NacRada) press release

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13 Jan 2017 | OSCE Freedom of the Media Representative describes decision of NacRada to stop broadcasting of DozhdTV as very demaging for media pluralism in Ukraine.

 Dunja Mijatovic's tweet