

Philippines orders its largest broadcaster off the air as nation fights virus | The Washington Post

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MANILA — The Philippine government on Tuesday ordered the country's largest broadcasting network to halt operations, a blow to press freedom and the flow of information in the middle of a pandemic.

Media giant ABS-CBN signed off after its evening news broadcast, leaving the screens of millions of viewers black and the jobs of 11,000 employees in jeopardy.

A cease-and-desist order was issued by the National Telecommunications Commission earlier Tuesday, affecting television and radio operations. ABS-CBN's cable news channel and digital operations will continue, albeit with a limited reach.

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