

## TV station director sentenced to hard labour in Benin

A court in Cotonou, Benin, on 16 January 2013 sentenced Berthe Cakpossa, director of the privately-owned television channel Canal 3 Benin, to three months in prison with hard labour for airing a press conference in which a former government official alleged corrupt practices in president Yayi Boni's government.

The Court also fined Cakpossa an amount of 500 000 CFA francs (approx. US\$ 1 '000) and symbolic damages of 1 CFA franc.

According to the Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA)'s correspondent, Cakpossa was convicted for offence against the president by airing an 18 September 2012 press conference where lawyer Lionel Agbo, former presidential advisor and spokesperson, accused some members of Boni's entourage of engaging in corrupt practices.

The sentence was read as part of Agbo's trial, who has also been sentenced to six months for defamation.

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