

'Islamic State journalist arrested in Afghanistan'

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Kabul: Amid a growing outcry over the recent emergence in Kabul of a Islamic State radio station, the Afghan spy agency arrested a journalist who allegedly worked for the station.

This comes after reports emerged that IS launched a radio station that broadcasts through Jalalabad and districts in the Nangarhar province in a bid to promote the group and recruit new fighters.

"We are seriously working with security institutions, because it is a major concern to us. National Directorate of Security has already arrested one of the journalists affiliated to Islamic State radio," Yasin Samim, spokesman for the ministry of communication and information technology was quoted by TOLONews as saying on Monday.

"The radio operates through mobile equipment, it changes location whenever we send out troops," Samim added.

According to the local residents, the radio station known as "Caliphate Radio", promotes radicalism in support of the terror group by broadcasting anti-government rhetoric.

The residents have appealed to the government to take immediate action against the station in order to stop the militant group from influencing the local youth.

The government has still not managed to track down the exact location from where the group was broadcasting.

This comes amid a rapidly deteriorating security situation in Nangarhar following a surge in Taliban attacks and the emergence of Islamic State -- displacing hundreds of families.

The radio station reportedly started broadcasting a week ago.

Since its emergence, IS has been extremely active on social media in its bid to recruit militants.

Reports said the group also has access to equipment which can help it to establish contacts with associates in Syria and Iraq.

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