

Afghan radio station closes down following Taliban threats

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Kabul: The head of a local radio station in eastern Afghanistan says it was shut down after repeated threats from the area's Taliban commander.

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Azimi says the Taliban, who control several districts in Ghazni province, threatened them because three of the station's 16 employees are women. The Taliban are against women's rights to education and work.

He told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the station was closed four days ago. It was its third closure in the past four years.

Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, denied the insurgents had threatened Samaa.

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