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AIR-IAB URGES GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER RCTV CASE

The International Association of Broadcasting (AIR-IAB) suggested President Hugo Chávez to rethink his decision not to renew the broadcasting license for opposition television channel RCTV, on the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day.



"I would like to seize this opportunity today, on the commemoration of this world day, to address President Chávez and the Government of Venezuela once again so that he reconsiders and rectifies his decision," said Alfonso Ruiz de Assín, President of AIR-IAB.

Ruiz de Assín urged Chávez "not to confirm this serious threat against freedom of expression and to make a reconsideration that could be deemed the best demonstration of respect for this common asset in which we believe."

"We are 25 days away from a really attack on freedom of expression, if RCTV is actually closed down, disregarding the rights of workers and the rights of the audience and public to be informed on a daily basis."



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