

Bloomberg News Suspends Work in Russia, CNN Stops Broadcasts

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Bloomberg News announced Friday it was suspending the work of its journalists in Russia and CNN said it will stop broadcasting in the country.

The moves by Bloomberg and CNN come after Russian lawmakers passed legislation that criminalizes independent reporting.

"We have with great regret decided to temporarily suspend our news gathering inside Russia," Bloomberg quoted the news agency's editor-in-chief John Micklethwait as saying.

"The change to the criminal code, which seems designed to turn any independent reporter into a criminal purely by association, makes it impossible to continue any semblance of

normal journalism inside the country," Micklethwait said.

CNN said the 24-hour U.S. cable television news network "will stop broadcasting in Russia while we continue to evaluate the situation and our next steps moving forward."

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The BBC announced Friday it was halting its journalists' work in Russia and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) said it was temporarily halting reporting from Russia.

"This legislation appears to criminalize the process of independent journalism," BBC Director-General Tim Davie said in a statement.

He warned that journalists could face "the risk of criminal prosecution simply for doing their jobs."

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