

Satirical newspaper in Côte d'Ivoire banned

Bôl' Kotch, a privately-owned satirical newspaper that published a cartoon story about president Alassane Outarra, was on 8 August 2012 banned from publishing for eight editions by the National Press Council (CNP), the statutory regulatory body.

A Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA) correspondent reported that, although the newspaper publishes mainly humour-oriented items, the CNP found some of its publications offensive.

In a communiqué issued on 12 August, the CNP sought to suggest that the newspaper in its 27 July edition carried a series of articles that flouted media laws and ethical codes.

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