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Broadcasting Commission Statement on Notice of Breach to Nationwide News Network (NNN)

On March 14, 2011, the Broadcasting Commission cited Nationwide News Network Limited (NNN) for a breach of its licence in relation to **on air transmissions**.

The Broadcasting Commission wishes to make it publicly known that the offending broadcasts which resulted in the issuing of the notice of breach to Nationwide News Network Limited (NNN) **have absolutely nothing to do with content that was transmitted over the Internet.**

As pointed out to the station's management at a meeting with the Commission on March 4, 2011, the 18 instances of serious problematic content in question relate exclusively to content broadcast on NNN's **radio service**. The Commission further informed NNN that the detection of those problematic broadcasts was occasioned by public complaints and "the Commission's own internal monitoring of **over the air** daytime radio transmissions by NNN during the period February 7 to March 2, 2011." This was also communicated in writing by letter of March 4, 2011.

A separate investigation pertaining to other transmissions made by NNN in the period October 14 to November 12, 2010 is currently at the stage of legal review by the Solicitor General of Jamaica. This referral is based on an unusual claim by NNN that offensive content in the broadcasts had been removed before transmission on the airwaves but that such offensive content, originating from NNN's broadcasting facilities had been routed to its online stream.

While that matter remains pending, the Commission reaffirms that the problematic contents on which NNN has been cited for breach of licence do not include the material of October 14 to November 12, 2010 but instead relate to separate problematic transmissions on live daytime radio over the period February 7 to March 2, 2011.