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## Is Eutelsat CEO an Israeli?

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**A US intelligence analyst says the French-based satellite provider Eutelsat SA is run by an Israeli citizen and is a company long dictated to by Israeli extremist groups, Press TV reports.**

“Eutelsat is a person, not a company. Eutelsat says it is European, but it is actually Israeli. French sounding ‘Michel de Rosen’ runs Eutelsat, an Israeli citizen, company with Israeli stockholders, a company long dictated to by extremist groups within Israel, the militant ultra-nationalists of the Likudist regime of Netanyahu,” Gordon Duff told Press TV.

He described the company as one of the Israeli-owned “chokepoints” which are created to “make sure all communication, all progress, all privacy is subject to what is allowed.”

***“When Eutelsat chose to choke off Iran and end free speech in Europe, many spoke up but none pointed a finger at Israel and their desire to paint Iran with a ‘black brush’, Duff said slamming European countries for their silence over the ban on the broadcast of Iranian satellite channels in Europe.***

“One organization after another, all controlled opposition, part of Israel’s ‘game theory warfare’, rose in self-righteous anger and, as usual, pointed in the wrong direction,” he added.

In a flagrant violation of freedom of speech, Eutelsat SA ordered media services company, Arqiva, on October 15 to stop the broadcast of several Iranian satellite channels, including Press TV.

The company’s only press release stated that the decision was based on reinforced European Union Council sanctions and a confirmation by France’s broadcasting authority, but an EU spokesperson told Press TV that the sanctions contain no such orders.

“I have to tell you that this is a decision of Eutelsat and Arqiva and you have to ask them, it is their decision,” Maja Kocijancic, spokeswoman for the EU foreign policy chief, Catherine Ashton, told Press TV.

“The EU ... has adopted new restrictive measures against Iran, but they focus on finance, energy, trade and transport, not telecommunication. And do not contain elements which could have forced Eutelsat to take such a step,” Kocijancic added.

Eutelsat has refused any interview requests from Press TV to make comments about its decision to disconnect all Iranian media from its satellite television services after Kocijancic's comments.

“It is absolutely unacceptable for us that a company can interrupt a nation’s media in this way. Eutelsat’s decision disregards the importance of the liberty of expression and the free circulation of information,” National Union of Journalists chief, Dominique Pradalie, told Press TV.