



Voice of America

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A Trusted Source of News and Information Since 1942

FAST FACTS

Headquarters: Washington, D.C.

Budget: \$166 million (FY 2006)

Employees: more than 1,100

Languages: 44

Audience: more than 100 million weekly

Media: radio, television, and the Internet

Purpose: to broadcast accurate, balanced, and comprehensive news and information to an international audience

Facilities: 28 radio broadcast studios, 20 production and recording studios, 36 professional audio mixing and dubbing stations, 4 television studios, 2 radio studios with television capabilities, 20 video editing suites, and facilities for master control, recording, scheduling, and feed intake

History: broadcasts began in 1942, as a response to the need of peoples in closed and war-torn societies for reliable news

VOA BROADCASTS

- There are more than 1,000 hours of programs each week.
- 25 of VOA's 44 languages broadcast on television.
- Program content includes news, features, education, and culture, in discussion, call-in, live, and pre-recorded formats.
- VOA has a growing worldwide network of over 1,200 local affiliate stations, which include FM and medium wave (MW or AM) radio stations, television networks, and cable systems.

THE VOA CHARTER

President Gerald Ford signed the VOA Charter into law in 1976. It protects the independence and integrity of VOA programming.

1. VOA will serve as a consistently reliable and authoritative source of news. VOA news will be accurate, objective, and comprehensive.
2. VOA will represent America, not any single segment of American society, and will therefore present a balanced and comprehensive projection of significant American thought and institutions.
3. VOA will present the policies of the United States clearly and effectively, and will also present responsible discussions and opinion on these policies.

"The news may be good. The news may be bad. We shall tell you the truth"—William Harlan Hale, 1st VOA Broadcast (1942)

VOA broadcasts around the world
in 44 languages:

AFRICA

Afan Oromo
Amharic
English
French
Hausa
Kinyarwanda
Kirundi
Ndebele
Portuguese
Shona
Swahili
Tigrigna

EURASIA

Albanian
Bosnian
Croatian
Greek
Macedonian
Russian
Serbian
Ukrainian

LATIN AMERICA

Creole
Spanish

NEAR EAST & CENTRAL ASIA

Armenian
Azerbaijani
Georgian
Kurdish
Turkish
Uzbek

WEST & SOUTH ASIA

Bangla
Dari
Hindi
Pashto
Persian
Urdu

ENGLISH WORLDWIDE



VOA is one of the
largest multimedia
news organizations
in the world.

VOA NEWSCENTER

■ VOA's 30,000 square foot Newscenter is staffed 24-hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year, providing between 150 and 200 news reports per day for all language services and programs.

■ There are also 22 domestic and 16 overseas correspondents, in addition to more than 90 "stringers," or part-time reporters.

VOA AND TECHNOLOGY

■ VOA has the largest integrated digital audio system in the world.

■ A network of transmitting stations operated by the International Broadcasting Bureau, along with some leased stations, send VOA's programs instantaneously around the world.

■ The website, wwwVOANews.com, provides a wide range of English-language news reports and serves as a portal to homepages of all 44 languages broadcast by VOA, as well as other information about VOA.

■ Pages feature text, audio/video files on demand, and some live-streamed VOA programs.

SEE VOA LIVE

■ Take a behind-the-scenes look at VOA through our new guided audio-visual Studio Tour.

■ Learn more about our history and the regions to which we broadcast, and watch news as it happens through live TV and radio broadcasts.

■ For reservations or more information, call (202) 203-4990 or visit www.VOAtour.com



THE BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BBG)

■ The BBG is an independent federal entity of nine members that oversees all non-military U.S. international broadcasting.

■ Its mission is "To promote and sustain freedom and democracy by broadcasting accurate and objective news and information about the United States and the world to audiences overseas."

■ It supervises and ensures the integrity of the Voice of America and other federally funded broadcasting agencies.



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