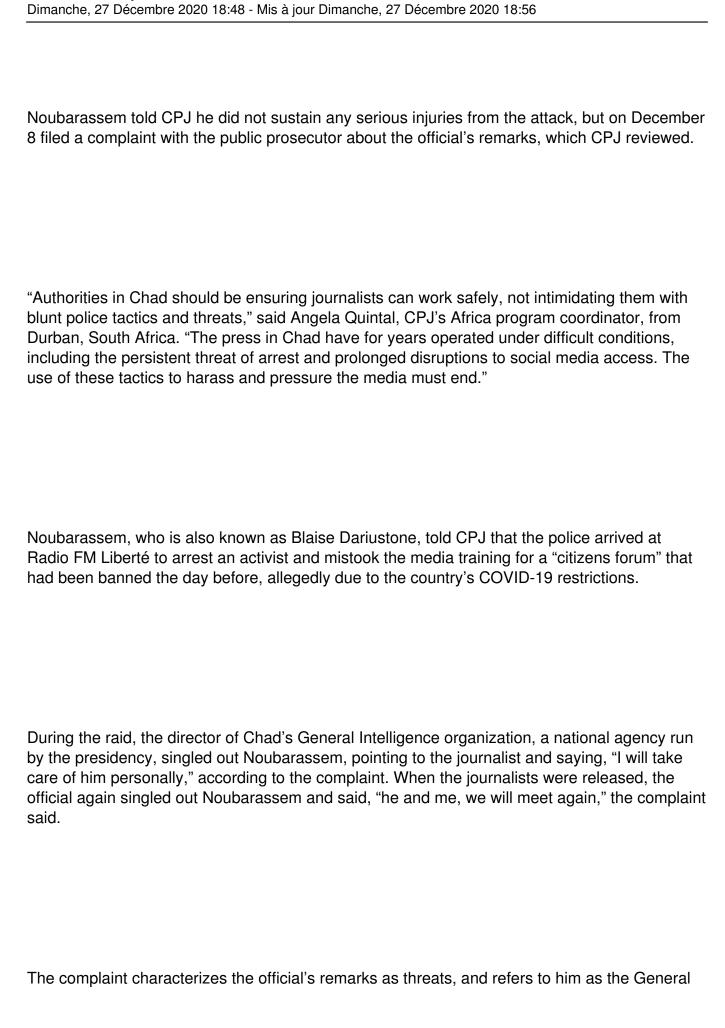


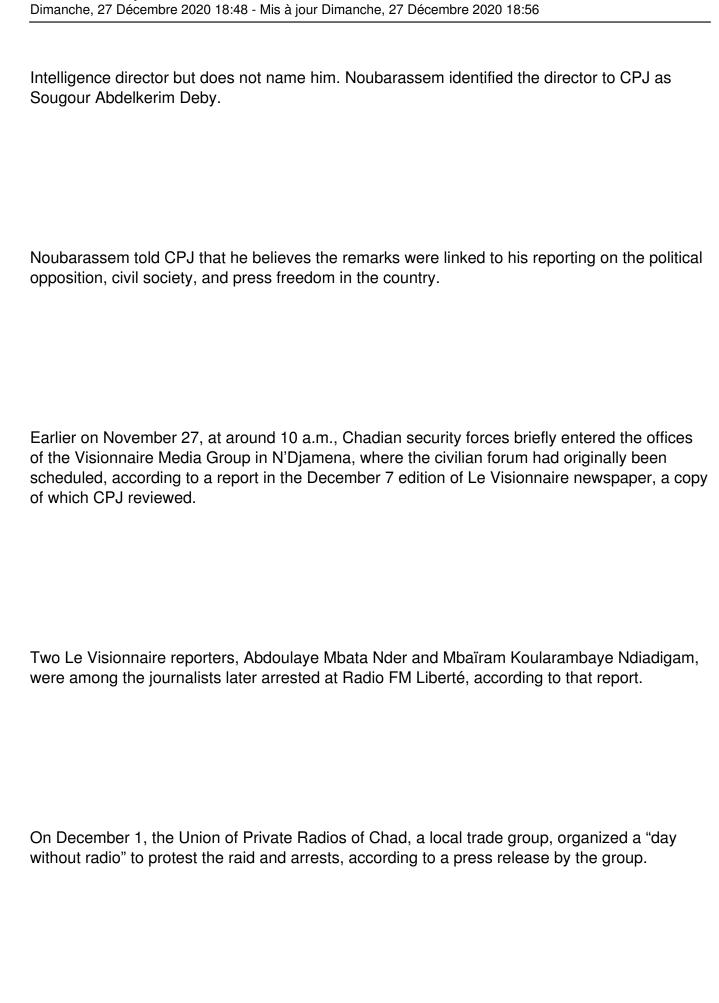
Libreville, Gabon, December 27 (Infosplusgabon) -   According to the Committee to
Protect Journalists (CPG), Chadian authorities should refrain from conducting police
raids on news outlets and should thoroughly investigate allegations that journalist Blaise
Noubarassem was assaulted by police and intimidated by a government official, the
Committee to Protect Journalists said on December 25.

On November 27, in Chad's capital, N'Djamena, police raided the office of privately owned broadcaster Radio FM Liberté while the outlet was hosting a media training for journalists from various news outlets, fired tear gas, and arrested at least 70 people, including at least 20 journalists, according to media reports, a press release by the broadcaster, and Noubarassem, a Radio FM Liberté reporter, who spoke to CPJ via messaging app.

Police held the journalists for several hours, and then released them without charge, according to those sources and social media posts by local journalist Moussa Nguedmbaye.

Police officers beat Noubarassem on the head and back with their guns while they arrested him, and the director of Chad's General Intelligence organization singled him out and made menacing remarks, according to the journalist and a report by German public broadcaster Deutsche Welle, where Noubarassem also works as a correspondent.





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