

Israel blocks Al Jazeera and Al-Mayadeen channels

17 minutes ago



Jerusalem: The Israeli authorities have decided to block the broadcasts of the Qatari channels "Al-Jazeera" and [the Lebanese "Al-Mayadeen"](#).

Communications Minister Shlomo Koray said on the platform of the American company "X" on Sunday evening: "Starting today, Al Jazeera and Al-Mayadeen in Israel will be blocked on their websites, television screens and YouTube."

"At the discretion of the Minister of Defense, they can also be blocked from broadcasting via satellite," he added.

"Thanks to the amended law, led by my colleague MK Ariel Kellner and Zvika Vogel, the island has been almost completely blocked," Qarai said.

Starting today, Al Jazeera and Al-Mayadeen in Israel will be blocked on their websites, television screens and YouTube

He continued: "Prime Minister (Benjamin) Netanyahu and the government today (Sunday) agreed to the [orders to block the island](#) and the squares."

According to the Hebrew newspaper Haaretz on Monday, the Israeli decision is valid for 90 days.

These measures expand the scope of restrictions imposed more than two years ago with the enactment of the so-called "Al Jazeera Law," which prohibits the broadcast of the two television networks inside Israel.

"Last month, the Knesset approved an amendment that would allow the communications minister to shut down foreign media outlets regardless of the declaration of a state of emergency," she added.

"Under the law, if the prime minister is satisfied, based on specialized security assessments, that a foreign broadcaster is harming state security, the communications minister may issue orders to take action pending approval by the cabinet," the newspaper said.

"These measures include stopping the service provider's broadcasting, closing its offices, confiscating its equipment, and shutting down its website," it said.

(Anatolia)

Keywords

Al-Mayadeen TV

Al Jazeera

Israel