

Wikileaks: Al Jazeera Chief Linked to US Defense Department

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A recent cable released by WikiLeaks reveals that the managing director of the al-Jazeera network has had relations with the US government officials.

According to the cable released on August 30, the US government has previously had a say in what content to appear on the al-Jazeera website.

The cable documents a meeting in 2005 between al-Jazeera's Managing Director Wadah Khanfar and the US government officials, referred to only as PAO.

PAO met with Khanfar to discuss a report by the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) on al-Jazeera and its "disturbing website content," according to a section of the cable.

The cable also revealed the response by the network's chief to the 2005 meeting.

"Khanfar is preparing a written response to the DIA points from July, August and September which should be available during the coming week. Khanfar said the most recent website piece of concern to the USG has been toned down and that he would have it removed over the subsequent two or three days," read the cable.

In a recent development, al-Jazeera's offices in Cairo were stormed by the Egyptian security forces on Sunday, according to its staff. The incident happened after the Qatar-based network aired live footage of the clashes between police and protesters at the Israeli embassy in Egypt on Friday.

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