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**LINK TV NOW AIRING “AL JAZEERA ENGLISH” AND “MOSAIC” IN  
33 MILLION U.S. HOMES**

**Independent broadcaster now transmitting breaking news in real time  
from Egypt and the Middle East up to 12 hours per day**

**New York, NY, February 1, 2011** — In response to the political uprising currently sweeping Egypt and the Middle East, **Link TV**, acclaimed for award-winning coverage of current events in the region, announced today that it is broadcasting critical reports from Al Jazeera English for up to 12 hours each day, and is producing special editions of its Peabody Award-winning original news report ***Mosaic: World News from the Middle East***. Al Jazeera English has been harshly criticized by the Egyptian government for its coverage of the protests, and CNN reported this week that Egyptian authorities banned Al Jazeera’s journalists from the country, closing their offices, and revoking their credentials. Reuters has also reported that at least five Al Jazeera English journalists were arrested and detained in Egypt after the network was told to shut down operations in the country. **Link TV**, currently the largest national U.S. broadcaster airing Al Jazeera English, is available on DIRECTV channel 375 and DISH Network channel 9410 and many local cable outlets.

Abdallah Edwan, Producer of ***Mosaic***, states, “Al Jazeera and other middle eastern broadcasters are following the whole region, including the reaction of Israelis and Palestinians to the tumult in Egypt. Despite being banned, having their credentials revoked and even being arrested, Al Jazeera journalists have embedded themselves with protestors and continue to provide round-the-clock coverage, from undisclosed locations, from the front lines of the protests where they are closest to areas where Egyptian armed forces are interacting with the people.”

The most recent episode of ***Mosaic***, fully streamable here [linktv.org/mosaic](http://linktv.org/mosaic), features a report from Iran’s state-run Al-Alam TV called “Yesterday Iran, Today Egypt,” comparing the overthrows, one completed and one underway, of seated authoritarian governments. Yesterday, ***Mosaic*** featured a segment from Israel’s IBA TV with an interview with Israeli journalist Yoni Ben Menachem, airing Israeli fears of the U.S. administration’s abandonment of the Mubarak regime, and suggesting that Syria may also be susceptible to popular uprising. ***Mosaic*** features selections from daily television news programs produced by more than 30 national broadcasters

throughout the Middle East. The news reports are presented unedited and, when necessary, translated into English by **Mosaic**'s Arabic-speaking staffers.

In 2008, **Link TV** was the first national channel to regularly air an Al Jazeera English program with the premiere of the acclaimed documentary series **Witness**. **Link TV** went on to broadcast the nightly **World News** from Al Jazeera English in June of 2009, marking yet again its commitment to giving American viewers first-hand access to original programming from around the world, allowing them to form their own opinions about global issues.

#### **ABOUT LINK TV**

**Link TV** is one of the nation's largest independent television broadcasters, devoted to providing diverse global perspectives on news, current events and world culture not typically available on other U.S. networks. **Link TV** regularly airs a robust selection of award-winning films and documentaries that explore the human condition from different multi-cultural perspectives. A pioneer in news and current affairs programming, **Link TV** has been recognized for its original news programs including the Peabody Award-winning daily broadcast **Mosaic: News from the Middle East**, which monitors and airs unedited selections of news reports from more than 30 Middle-Eastern broadcasters. **Link TV** also offers original, innovative participatory programs promoting national and global citizen action. Much of Link's programming is not available anywhere else on American television.

**Link TV** is available as basic service on DIRECTV channel 375 and DISH Network channel 9410, reaching more than 33 million U.S. households. Select **Link TV** programming also airs on 220 cable outlets, including in New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco, reaching an additional 20 million homes. **Link** also streams much of its content online at [LinkTV.org](http://LinkTV.org). For complete background information, program schedule, and internet streaming, go to [LinkTV.org](http://LinkTV.org).

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