

Tunis, Tunisia, January 30 (Infosplusgabon) - Irked by the refusal of government ministries and institutions to patronise Tunisian newspapers, the Tunisian Federation of press directors and the national trade union of Tunisian journalists have threatened to embark on strike and stop their publications until the execution of a deal the government signed with them.

The press directors and journalists, who met on Monday over the issue, threatened the actions if promises made by the Tunisian Prime Minister, Youssef Chahed, on 14 January, are not fulfilled.

They said the refusal of the government to patronize them has led to low revenues and even to the closure of some newspapers in 2017, and the resultant effect of loss of jobs.

They alleged that the government has therefore abandoned its role of supporting the press.

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