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The federal news agency Voice of America has fired or proposed to terminate more than half the members of its Hausa language service following an investigation that found the individuals had accepted improper payments from a foreign official in West Africa.



"The investigations focused on "allegations of improper conduct by members of the service, which involved accepting improper payments from an official in the coverage area." "It is therefore with a very heavy heart that I must tell you that we have terminated or (in accordance with all applicable Federal laws and regulations) proposed to terminate 15 members of the Hausa Service," Bennett said in an agency-wide email."

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Audi is under investigation in Germany for falsifying documents, mileage readings, and vehicle identification numbers to obtain certifications for exports to South Korea.



"The new probe, first reported by German daily Süddeutsche Zeitung, is linked to a case that saw one Audi executive convicted of fraud in South Korea last year. The executive, a Korean national who wasn't identified by the courts, was sentenced to 18 months in prison for falsifying documents to achieve certification of the vehicles for export to South Korea." .. After studying the report and in light of the investigation in South Korea, Munich prosecutors launched a new investigation into alleged fraud, initially targeting three Audi employees."

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A woman whose husband is a jailed state banker in Azerbaijan has lost a court fight to avoid being named over unexplained wealth of £22 million (\$29 million) in total.



"Hajiyeva's husband, Jahangir Hajiyev, was chairman of the International Bank of Azerbaijan. In 2016 he was sentenced in Azerbaijan to 15 years in jail for fraud and embezzlement. Unexplained wealth orders allow UK enforcement officials to require politically exposed persons to explain the source of their wealth or face asset forfeitures. The UWO law came into force on January 31 this year. The National Crime Agency alleged that between 2006 and 2016, Zamira Hajiyeva used 35 credit cards issued by her husband's bank."

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