

French Media Caught Red-Handed: Honduras Coup Protest Photo Presented as Iranian

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The German daily Junge Welt reported [1] that the French public national television channel “France 2” has diffused an image of a protest in Honduras against the June 2009 military coup and portrayed it as young Iranians resisting security forces during the Ashura day protests in Tehran.

This abuse of images was observed by the French website “Arret Sur Images”. [2]



Further, while France 2 apologized [3] for this “mistake”, Le Parisien, a French daily which also published this image on Monday, tried to blame it on the Associated Press, the originator of the image.

The Associated Press in return defended that they published this image already on June 29 and that it was also printed in Le Figaro and in The Independent in the beginning of July.

As the author of the Junge Welt amplifies, this practice reminds on the behaviour of German media in summer 2008, when the mainstream news (ZDF, RTL, Bild, N24) used images [4] from Nepal and India to illustrate Chinese police violence in Tibet.

Notes

[1] <http://www.jungewelt.de/2009/12-31/045.php?sstr=iran>

[2] <http://www.arretsurimages.net/dossier.php?id=156>

[3]

http://teleobs.nouvelobs.com/rubriques/vite-vu/articles/image-honduras-iran-pujadas-prese-nte-des-excuses?idfx=RSS_notr&xtor=RSS-17

[4] <http://www.stefan-niggemeier.de/blog/ein-nepal-fuer-ein-tibet-vormachen/>

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