Angola Takeover Of Newspapers, TV and Radio

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The Angolan government will nationalize the country's radio, television and newspapers, it was announced yesterday in a statement issued after a cabinet meeting.

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The main newspapers to be taken over are the Journal de Angola and the Diario de Luanda.

The statement also announced that a national oil company called Sonangol will be formed. Premier Lopo de Nascimento announced on May 1 after visiting the oil-rich enclave of Cabinda that Angola would have its own nationalized enterprise to deal with its oil policy.

The cabinet also decided that Angolans will vote on June 27, for the first time since independence, to elect members of local people's councils.

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