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## Karroubi to have his own satellite channel?

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Iran's defeated presidential candidate Mehdi Karroubi has taken the first steps toward setting up a satellite TV network, called Saba, a report says.

Karroubi had plans to launch the Saba satellite network since President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad took office four years ago, the *Etemad* daily reported on Thursday.

The Reformist Political figure had plans to set up Saba with the help of the renowned Iranian film director Behrouz Afkhami, who was considered for managerial position at the station.

*Etemad* said that several other Iranian film directors have also announced that they are ready to work with Karroubi on his new project.

The network's offices are expected to open somewhere in the Middle East.

News of Karroubi's efforts to set up a satellite TV network outside of Iran come just days after Iranian authorities closed down the *Etemad-e-Melli* daily -- the official newspaper of the former candidate's political party.

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