**Al-Jazeera to Slash 500 jobs, Many in its Qatar Headquarters**

The Qatar-based broadcaster said Sunday it is slashing about 500 jobs a little more than two months after announcing the closure of its U.S. offshoot. The Al-Jazeera Media Network described the cuts as part of a "workforce optimization initiative" tied to an evolving media landscape.

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