

SABC... Doomed to fail?



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NEWSWATCH: According to an article by Nickolaus Bauer in Mail & Guardian, State-owned enterprises - SABC, SAA *et al* are more than likely doomed to fail. The paper also reports that one of its cameramen was assaulted by Sandton City security guards, and IOL reports the ANC is very miffed with DStv after it inadvertently broadcast an advert for an obituary for Madiba. To end, TechCentral reports ICASA has acted against iBurst's parent company.



For more:

- Mail & Guardian: [Experts: State-owned enterprises doomed to fail...](#) Apparently, civil society groups and labour experts reckon that thanks to political interference and unclear mandates (and they might also add the deployment of clearly unsuitable ANC cadres to top positions within the organisations) entities such as the SABC, SAA, Telkom and others are "doomed to fail".

After watching the goings-on at the South African Broadcasting Circus... sorry... Corporation, SAA having to get bail-out after bail-out, and suffering massive price hikes and threats of blackouts courtesy Eskom, it's difficult to argue with the experts.

- Mail & Guardian: [Sandton City security guards beat M&G photographer...](#) This has got to stop... We have enough problems with far too many of our "public protectors" - i.e., members of SAPS, beating, assaulting and even killing anyone they deem to have "crossed a line", and we don't need security guards to get in on the act.
- IOL: [ANC criticises DStv's Mandela obit ad...](#) And was/were DStv's face/s red...

The broadcaster pulled the offending advert for the documentary - an obituary of former president Nelson Mandela - in the end, but not before many had seen it, and the ANC had become very miffed with what it viewed as an "uncalled for and totally insensitive" action.

For crying out loud, this seems to have been a mistake, which DStv appears to have corrected as soon as they could.

Oh, for the humour of Mark Twain, who was reported as having died and responded to the newspapers by saying "Reports of my death are an exaggeration". In passing, Pope John Paul II was the recipient of three premature obituaries before he finally passed away. So Madiba is by no means alone.

- TechCentral: [Icasa moves against iBurst parent...](#) So ICASA has moved against Broadlink and sister company iBurst's parent company Wireless Business Solutions - leading to mixed reactions from a commentators.

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