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SABC ... at it again

NEWSWATCH: Just before three journalists were to be interviewed on Metro FM on the subject of the upcoming ANC elective conference in Mangaung and media coverage of the event, a call from "on high" apparently led to the three being stopped from going on air, reports *Mail & Guardian*.



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• *Mail & Guardian*: <u>SABC cancels Mangaung talk show at last minute...</u> Just recently the national broadcaster was in the news for all the wrong reasons... firstly for the banning of various terms used to describe Zuma's compound at Nkandla, and then for refusing to flight an advert that apparently displeased powers that be.

Now they stop Sam Mkokeli, political editor from *Business Day*, *Sunday Times*' political editor S'thembiso Msomi and *Financial Times* bureau editor Andrew England from giving their views on the ANC's elective conference in Mangaung and how the media would cover it. The three had apparently been invited to Sakina Kamwendo's Metro FM talk show on Tuesday.

According to *Mail & Guardian*, "A shocked Mkokeli told the *Mail & Guardian* that minutes before they were due on air, Kamwendo told the reporters she was no longer able to host them on her show as "higher powers" had instructed her not to. No further explanation was offered as to why they were not allowed to speak and all three journalists left."

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