

Motsoeneng is a liar and a conman: EFF

The Economic Freedom Fighters has issued a statement on the appointment of Hlaudi Motsoeneng permanently in his position as the SABC's COO. They're not happy.

The EFF statement reads:

"Economic Freedom Fighters is distraught by the announcement made by Minister Faith Muthambi yesterday, appointing Haludi [sic] Motsoeneng as the new Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the SABC. This appointment is not only illegal but also raises concerns around how the Minister intends to carry out all duties entrusted to her department.

"The Minister assured South Africans during the Parliamentary Joint Portfolio Committee on Communications and Telecommunications and Postal Services last Friday that she will do the following;

- Handle the Vusi Mbembe's court order against the SABC,
- Ensure that the SABC responds and applies the recommendations of the Public Protector report, and
- Revise the Articles of Association and the Memorandum of Association



Julius Malema's EFF claims the SABC's Haudi Motsoeneng is a "liar and a conman". (Image: EFF website)



Haudi Motsoeneng... lied on his CV about having Matric. (Image: SADC)

"Not even a week after making such promises, the Minister defies all odds and appoints Hlaudi Motsoeneng. Motsoeneng does not deserve to be COO, because he is a liar and a conman. He lied about his academic background and used the very same lies to sell the SABC to MultiChoice. It is astonishing that the Minister rewards such insanity.

"Either the Minister is weak or intentionally misled the public about making sure to restore the public confidence on the leadership of SABC. Motsoeneng's appointment is a reward for being a faithful servant. He is being rewarded for for [sic] turning the SABC into a state broadcaster that worships and serves the interests of the ruling party.

"The EFF will take the issue to Court, in the same way we did with Pansy Tlakula, and we are confident that a fair and reasonable Court of Law will find Haudi Motsoeneng inedible* [sic] to occupy any public office. This is indeed a sad day in the fight against corruption, for minister Muthambi has condoned lies and fraud in the promotion of Hlaudi Motshoeneng [sic].

For more

- *Mail & Guardian*: [How Motsoeneng forced SABC to appoint him...](#)

According to the *Mail & Guardian* "Hlaudi Motsoeneng forced the public broadcaster's hand into appointing him as the chief operations officer of the SABC on a permanent basis."

- *Politicsweb*: [Hlaudi Motsoeneng appointed as COO - SABC...](#) The *Politicsweb* report says that the "Public Broadcaster says Minister Faith Muthambi approved board recommendation." This is apparently in spite of the Public Protector issuing a damning report on Motsoeneng in which Madonsela found that Motsoeneng lied about having a Matric and is unfit for the position.



Faith Muthambi - has she erred in Motsoeneng's appointment? (Image: GCIS)



The Public Protector...
"Surprised" at Mbitsoeneng's
appointment. (Image: GCS)

Meanwhile...

- *IOL*: [Madonsela shocked by Motsoeneng move...](#) According to *IOL*, "Public Protector Thuli Madonsela on Wednesday expressed her surprise at the permanent appointment of controversial acting SABC chief operations officer Hlaudi Motsoeneng, SABC radio news reported."

**A number of observers appear to also feel Motsoeneng is an unpalatable choice. - Editor*

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