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Media muzzle: Kasrils issues warning

NEWSWATCH: Former intelligence minister Ronnie Kasrils has warned of "huge problems" should the proposed Protection of Information Bill be passed in its present form, reports *IOL*; the SABC has been accused of wasting money, according to *Times Live*; and M-Net has a new look, writes *Channel24*.

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• *IOL*: <u>Kasrils warns against secrecy bill...</u> This is not the first time Kasrils has criticised the bill in its present form, but the ANC seems hell-bent on steamrollering it through.

In an open letter he wrote: "It will certainly undermine public trust in the intelligence and security services at a time when confidence needs to be built." It's worse than that, however - many critics see the bill as little more than a means for what many perceive to be a corrupt administration to become even more corrupt, and less trustworthy.

Any chance the powers-that-be will listen to reason any time soon?

- *Times Live*: <u>Union accuses SABC of wasting money...</u> What? But? How? Who?... The SABC waste money? What chance is there of that? View the media statements issued by <u>BEMAWU</u> and the <u>SABC</u>.
- Channel24: <u>M-Net unveils new on-air look...</u> As of today, M-Net has a new look with new music, but the blue ribbon logo has stayed. The new look was created by Clearwater.

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