

# New bill will protect the corrupt?

NEWSWATCH: Critics of the proposed Protection of Information Bill reckon that because it is so wide-ranging and restrictive in its present form it will actually protect those guilty of corruption, reports *IOL*. Meanwhile, the ANC is considering what *news24.com* calls 'a total onslaught against the printed media', and it also has a 'media plan' that calls for harsher punishments for reporters who get it wrong, reports *Times Live*.



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- *IOL*: [Media gag will protect the corrupt...](#) Only a short while ago Jacob Zuma said that his administration would create an anti-corruption task team to "fast-track the investigation and prosecution of corruption"; now his administration is trying to put in place a law (which proposes quite draconian punishments for those journalists found guilty of transgressing it) that critics reckon will help the corrupt escape the claws of just such a task team.
- *news24.com*: [ANC sets sights on newspapers...](#) So much for a free media... The ANC apparently wants to use "legislation and intervention" to make the media more "diverse".
- *Times Live*: [ANC's media tribunal plan...](#) Apparently, not only is the media 'too white' but, what's more, the authors of the ANC document in question reckon there's possibly collusion and price fixing as well...
- ANC document in full [www.anc.org.za/ancdocs/ngcouncils/2010/media.pdf](http://www.anc.org.za/ancdocs/ngcouncils/2010/media.pdf)

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