

Motsoeneng: No punishment for 'lie told 19 years ago'

NEWSWATCH: SABC board chairperson Ellen Tshabalala says Hlaudi Motsoeneng cannot be punished for 'a lie he told 19 years ago', reports *The New Age*, and SA retailers won't boycott Israeli goods, reports *Moneyweb*.



Hlaudi Motsoeneng: 'No punishment' says Ellen Tshabalala. (Image: SABC)

For more:

- *The New Age*: [No need to 'punish' Hlaudi...](#) The DA is contesting Hlaudi Motsoeneng's permanent appointment to the position of COO of the SABC following a damning report from Public Protector Thuli Madonsela.

However, according to *The New Age*, SABC board chairperson Ellen Tshabalala in court papers opposing the DA court bid says, quoting *The New Age* report "the SABC cannot punish its Chief Operating Officer Hlaudi Motsoeneng for a lie he told 19 years ago."

- *Moneyweb*: [Retail stores won't boycott Israeli products...](#) Meanwhile, according to *Moneyweb*, the Consumer Goods Council of South Africa (CGCSA) says retail stores will not remove imported Israeli products from their shelves, despite aggressive requests from some communities in SA society and calls for boycotts of retailers that continue to sell Israeli goods.

The CGCSA has just issued the following statement:

"The conflict in the Middle East has resulted in some of our customers and certain retail members including Shoprite, Massmart, SPAR, Woolworths, and Pick n Pay being approached, sometimes in an aggressive and confrontational way, to remove products sourced from Israeli manufacturers from their shelves.

"This infringes on their rights to free and fair trade as enshrined in the country's constitution. South Africa is a fully constituted democracy that respects law and order. There are channels provided by our respective members for complaints and grievances to be lodged if a consumer is dissatisfied with a particular product. This is also contained in the Consumer Protection Act.

"Our position, as an industry, is that we recognise the right of consumers to exercise freedom of choice with regard to the products that they purchase. In line with this, we believe that the industry's role is to ensure that the products sold in our member's stores, are marked with legislated descriptive information that includes the country of origin.

"This enables consumers to make informed buying decisions that are aligned to the personal perspectives that they might hold."

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