

## Now ANN7's Asanda Magaqa 'leaves'

NEWSWATCH: *Mail & Guardian* reports ANN7's Asanda Magaqa was 'escorted' off the premises yesterday, and also reports that R2K's lawyer says the police minister's argument regarding naming of national key points is 'indefensible'...



Asanda Magaqa. (Image extracted from You Tube)

### For more:

- *Mail & Guardian*: [ANN7's Asanda Magaqa 'escorted' off the premises...](#) *Mail & Guardian* says that "renowned reporter Asanda Magaqa is the latest high-profile departure from the Gupta-owned ANN7, as channel bosses seem to be clamping down on dissent."

It seems Magaqa, who has presumably been fired, tweeted the news yesterday afternoon.

ANN7 is the 24-hour news channel launched by the politically connected Gupta family.

*City Press* reports that [ANN7 is keeping mum on Asanda Magaqa's tweet](#) and "would not answer questions today about a tweet posted by one of its reporters that she was escorted from the company's premises."

- *Mail & Guardian*: [National key point case - police minister's argument is 'indefensible'...](#) The Right2Know Campaign (R2K) wants the list of national key points (NKPs - a hangover from the apartheid years) to be released. This is so that reporters and the media will know exactly what's what and not end up in court simply because they innocently took picture of some building, for example, only to be on the receiving end of the unwelcome and not always gentle attentions of security guards or the police.

Counsel for the Minister of Police Nkosinathi Nhleko, claims however, that revealing which buildings and places are NKPs would place national security at risk.

Right2Know Campaign counsel argues that this argument simply doesn't 'stand up to logical scrutiny'.

There are some 200 national key points and while many are obvious, others are not and the refusal of the minister to provide such a list means that members of the media (and the public) could innocently transgress the law. Some critics of the government argument believe it also means that any installation could be suddenly named as a national key point in order to deflect unwelcome media attention when the latter are investigating corruption or shoddy building materials, for example.

According to the *Mail & Guardian* report, responding to the argument made by counsel for the minister, who said that revealing which buildings and places were NKPs would place national security at risk, advocate for the campaign, Steven Budlender, said: "The assumption through papers is that saying a place is a NKP and will be detrimental to state security ... is simply untenable as a matter of logic, matter of fact, and events that have transpired in this case."

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- *BD Live*: [Judgment reserved on revealing national key points...](#) *BD Live* reports that "widespread speculation that the National Key Points Act was being abused meant there was an overwhelming public interest in knowing which places were national key points, the Johannesburg High Court heard on Monday." Judge Roland Sutherland has reserved judgement.

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