

## ANC apologises to the media

NEWSWATCH: Following on several incidents in which media covering the ANC conference in Polokwane were manhandled, The South African National Editors Forum (Sanef) sent a letter to the head of the African National Congress (ANC) presidency, Smuts Ngonyama outlining its concerns regarding the ill treatment of members of the media at the party's conference in Polokwane, as well as the inadequate media arrangements.

By [Tshepiso Seopa](#) 19 Dec 2007

Business Day reports that Ngonyama apologised to the media:

<http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/dailymailer.aspx?ID=BD4A665192>

## e.tv wants in on Icasa 'must carry' pay TV plan

e.tv made a call to the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (Icasa) to include it in any must-carry policy which the SABC is pushing for. The aim of the new policy is to force new television providers to air SABC3 on their platforms. <http://www.busrep.co.za/index.php?fSectionId=566&fArticleId=4169291>

## Zimbabwe amends media security laws after talks

SABC news reported at the weekend (17 December 2007) that Zimbabwean president Robert Mugabe's government has amended tough security and media laws following talks that were guided by South African President Thabo Mbeki between Mugabe's ruling Zanu-PF party and two factions of the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC). For more:

[http://www.sabcnews.co.za/africa/southern\\_africa/0,2172,161053,00.html](http://www.sabcnews.co.za/africa/southern_africa/0,2172,161053,00.html).

## Nielsen sued over web figures

Spain's top media companies Pisacom and El Pais are suing US based media firm Nielsen for damages caused by the unfair downgrade revision in the number of unique visitors of ELPAIS.com, reports Fin24.com: [http://www.fin24.co.za/articles/default/display\\_article.aspx?ArticleId=1518-1783\\_2240189](http://www.fin24.co.za/articles/default/display_article.aspx?ArticleId=1518-1783_2240189).

## Naspers bid for UK internet trader

NASPERS could be looking at using its cash reserves to buy the UK-listed internet trading company Tradu at an estimated price of R10.4bn, reports Business Day:

<http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/dailymailer.aspx?ID=BD4A664511>.

## Munghana Lonene DJ laid to rest

The Sowetan website reports that Munghana Lonene DJ, Hlekani Mabasa, who was killed in a car accident last week, was laid to rest on Saturday in Limpopo: <http://www.sowetan.co.za/News/Article.aspx?id=66430>

And at the weekend, it was reported that Somali gunmen had kidnapped a French journalist. Media reports state that French journalist Gwen Le Gouli was kidnapped on Sunday, 16 December, by unidentified gunn in the port town of Bossasso, the capital of Bari region in north-eastern Somalia.

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