

Sanef: POIB will harm media freedom

NEWSWATCH: The South African National Editors' Forum (Sanef) said on Saturday that the POIB must have a public interest defence clause, reports *BD Live*. And *Sunday Times* reports a row after two school buses were rebranded in ANC colours.



(Image extracted from the [Sanef website](#))

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- *BD Live*: [Info bill will harm press freedom - Sanef...](#) In a statement marking International Press Freedom Day, Sanef chairman Mpumelelo Mkhabela said a public interest defence clause in the Protection of State Information Bill would boost the ability of media to assist in the fight against corruption.

BD Live quotes him as saying: "The bill is arguably the biggest threat to press freedom and freedom of expression since the dawn of democracy. We stand ready to challenge it in court should the president sign it into law."

- *News24*: [Row over ANC's rebranding of school buses...](#) A row erupted last week after two school buses, which had been donated by German electronics company Siemens, were rebranded in ANC colours as part of the party's electioneering campaign in the area.

The *Sunday Times* reports that Siemens has demanded the buses be returned to their intended purpose. The rebranding is believed to have cost R90,000 - the money being provided through former president Nelson Mandela's grandson Mandla Mandela, with money from the Mvezo Development Trust.

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