

Warriors for truth win in ruling on SABC, ICASA

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It's been five long years since the "blacklisting" scandal broke at the SABC, and it became clear that the public broadcaster was being used as a propaganda tool by the Mbeki regime. In a victory for whistle-blowers and for truth and transparency, a court ruling this week confirmed political manipulation of the SABC by former news head Snuki Zikalala.



It was also a triumph for the Freedom of Expression Institute (FXI) which fought a long hard battle for justice and South Africa's democracy. Many brave people had stood up to bear witness that political interference was in force under the command of Zikalala. This week these warriors in the fight to restore integrity at the SABC scored a major victory when the South Gauteng High Court issued a damning ruling that found widespread manipulation had occurred at the SABC during the Thabo Mbeki era.

...Former FXI head Jane Duncan, who drafted the original complaint, was delighted by the news. "I am extremely pleased because civil society is vindicated by this ruling and it pays homage to the courageous people within the SABC who took an initial stand against the broadcaster at great personal cost," said Duncan, who is now Highway Africa Chair of Media and Information Society in the School of Journalism and Media Studies at Rhodes University in Grahamstown.

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