
A glaring failure to report

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Dear Mr Claassen,

I hope this finds you well.

It has come to my attention that News24 has not published a single article on the Amnesty International report that found Israel to be an apartheid state, engaged in illegal occupation and recommending that the international community take various steps to sanction it for that. While I am aware that your mandate typically concerns what *is* reported, I am sure you are aware that in many oppressive and unfree countries one of the most disturbing phenomena in the media is what they *do not* report. Furthermore, I noted your editor Adriaan Basson's recent column in which he blamed FW De Klerk and other members of apartheid governments for "misleading" white Afrikaners into supporting apartheid. (Article here: <https://www.news24.com/news24/columnists/adriaanbasson/adriaan-basson-i-wish-de-klerk-apologised-earlier-also-for-his-white-lies-20211115>)

Even if one does not agree with the Amnesty International report and its findings, it is surely an important piece of news that readers deserve to know about. The failure to report it does not seem like an oversight, but rather a systematic decision to conceal the event from readers who rely on News24 for news. I find that extremely disturbing, not least given its relevance for South Africa as a former apartheid state. Does it not make News24 culpable of an analogous form of what your editor recently laid at FW De Klerk's door?

I would appreciate your thoughts on this matter.

Your sincerely,

Dr Seán Muller