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IBC backpedals, new press review on cards

STAFF REPORTER

The Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) has reportedly decided to bring back its review of the press on the radio, but in a new format, following a top management meeting yesterday.

This was confirmed by Director General Ben Mulongeni, who said on Monday that the national broadcaster would work out 'something better' as a form of review of the press in the future, rather than the way in

which it had been done to date, by simply reading from the newspapers in question.

In another development, Mulongeni said yesterday that he was responsible for the initial decision to cancel the press review, and not the Controller: News and Current Affairs, Asser Ntinda, as reported in The Namibian. According to Mulongeni, the cancellation of the review had been discussed at programme level for some time prior to the decision.

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Lubowski family urge court to lift lid on killer's identity

BY CHRISTOF MALETSKY

THE PARENTS of the late Anton Lubowski will request the High Court to reveal the name of the person who has been implicated in their son's assassination by a source known to the Editor of The Windhoek Observer, Hannes Smith.

On Monday when the second inquest into Lubowski's assassination in September 1989 opened in the High Court, Smith refused to give the name of the per-

son said to have actually pulled the trigger. However, Smith later wrote down the name for Judge Nic Hannah, Prosecutor Kobus Miller and Andrew Corbett, who

represents the Lubowski parents. Corbett informed Hannah yesterday that he wanted the name to be disclosed and will make the request tomorrow.

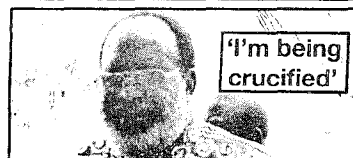
The name was new to Hannah, Miller and Corbett and could result in the Office of the Namibian Prosecutor General and the Truth and Reconciliation

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REGISTRATION DETAILS

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Time: 10:00 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 16:00
Venue: City Campus, Office Block (Second floor) Room GO302.
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testimony today.

memorandum, signed by Ntinda, in which he stated that "I have decided to cancel (the) newspaper review as from Monday February 2 ..." among others, on grounds claiming that newspapers in Namibia were 'partisan' and of-

The memorandum was signed by Ntinda and did not reflect discussion with the Director-General or any other members of top management, some of whom were not aware on Monday that the review had

different format to the programme which was axed this week.

Mulongeni added that management agreed that the way in which the press review had been done in the past was problematic.

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Commission in South Africa being approached to investigate the person and the new allegations. Hannah responded by saying he would first need to study the documents which are apparently in Smith's possession.

Through his legal representative Theo Frank SC, Smith agreed to make the documents available to the court by tomorrow afternoon.

Hannah, however, told him it would be much better to submit them in the morning so that he could consider them.

Smith, a well-known media personality, has become the key witness in the second inquest after he ran a story on January 27 1996 in which he revealed details of the plan to kill Lubowski and who reportedly shot him.



PUTTING ON THE PRESSURE ... Andrew Corbett (right), who is representing the interests of the Lubowski family, and lawyer Michaela Figueira. Photo: Christof Maletsky

The report was based on information from a South African national from whom Smith had bought documents related to the incident.

Smith refused to release the documents on Monday when requested by Hannah and was given until yesterday morning to produce them.

Failure would have resulted in a charge of con-

tempt of court and a possible jail sentence.

Smith's source apparently told him that he was involved in the killing and sold some supporting documents for an unspecified amount on the understanding that they would not be released to anybody else.

But Hannah said documents would be of help to the inquest.

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Lubowski assassins practiced 'hit'

◆ CHRISTOF MALETSKY

ONE of the police officers who investigated the September 12 1989 assassination of human rights lawyer Anton Lubowski said he suspected the killers had carried out mock runs of the event using a red Toyota Conquest before executing their plans.

Marius Visser, a member of Commissioner Jumbo Smit's investigation team, reiterated in the High Court yesterday that he had found marks the right-hand side of the Conquest's roof which could have been from an AK-47.

The Red Conquest was one of the vehicles seized by the Police, who believed it could have been used by Lubowski's assassins. "What I reconstruct is that it was possible to stop and put the gun on the roof before firing," Visser told the second hearing in Lubowski's death.

Lubowski was mowed down by bullets from an AK-47. Cartridges were

also found near the scene of his assassination.

When Prosecutor Kobus Miller drew Visser's attention to the fact that there were similar marks towards the back of the vehicle's roof, the officer said "maybe the car was also used for target shooting. That is my personal opinion. It can also be something else."

Asked by Andrew Corbett, representing the Lubowski family, whether his assumption that an AK-47 was used was based on the cartridges found in the area, Visser nodded in the affirmative.

Visser was called to the witness stand to pro-



TEAM LEADER ... Police Commissioner Jumbo Smit (left), who led the police investigation in the late Anton Lubowski's death.

vide clarity on testimony that he gave during the first inquest hearing conducted by now retired Judge Harold Levy. Yesterday he was testifying before Judge Nic Hannah.

The long-awaited second inquest virtually ended yesterday, with only local journalist Hannes Smith now expected to take the stand. Smith is scheduled to appear tomorrow.

None of the several leading members of the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB), implicated in the murder by the previous inquest by Levy or the man first arrested for the murder, Donald

Acheson, will feature in the inquest.

Judge Hannah earlier informed the hearing that of the five witnesses in South Africa, four could not be traced while the only one reached refused to come.

It was up to Prosecutor-General Hans Heyman to decide which witnesses to subpoena because he was the one who had expressed dissatisfaction with the outcome of the first inquest conducted by Levy.

At the conclusion of the first inquest in 1995, Levy found that Acheson, hired by the CCB, had assassinated Lubowski.

Judge Levy also found that former CCB managing director Joe Verster and operatives Ferdi Barnard, Chappie Marais, Calla Botha, Slang van Zyl, Joe Verster, Staal Burger, Wouter Basson and Johan Niemoller were "prima facie accom-

plices" in the murder.

It is generally believed that at least one key member of the CCB or Acheson would have to testify for there to be any breakthrough in establishing just who pulled the trigger.

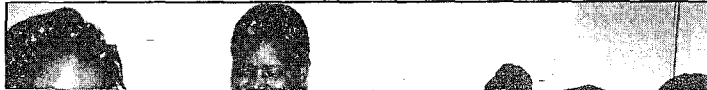
The second inquest has been severely criticised by the family of the slain lawyer and Swapo activist.

They said the culprits had been clearly pinpointed by the Levy inquest and that they should now stand trial for murder.

In January 1996, Heyman announced he had decided to reopen the inquest. According to the Prosecutor-General there was insufficient evidence to warrant proceedings against any of the people implicated by Judge Levy.

Lubowski was gunned down outside his Klein Windhoek home on the evening of September 12 1989.

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