

Top cop threatens to fire staff

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Johannesburg - The acting national police commissioner has threatened to fire his internal audit team if they refuse to reveal who leaked a confidential document to the press, the Sunday Times reported.

"I will charge that person criminally because the document is classified. So the entire staff of internal audit are most likely going to be fired," lieutenant general **Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi** was quoted by the paper as saying.

According to the draft performance audit report 27 329 police officers on active duty had failed their firearm proficiency tests. Another 55 429 members, including active reservists, still had to be trained to comply with the regulations of the Firearms Control Act.

"The entire [internal audit] staff will have to explain. If they can't explain and can't tell me who did it, all of them will be gone before the end of this financial year," he told the Sunday Times.

Mkhwanazi intended meeting with the nine provincial police commissioners to compare the number of officers they had recorded failing the firearms test, with the numbers contained in the audit.



Blane Blandon - March 11, 2012 at 14:48

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And yet these palooka's target licensed gun owners?

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frank.pennington.50 - March 11, 2012 at 15:05

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No danger of "shooting the messenger" here 27 000 cops, probably including the pencil pusher Mkhwanazi, don't know which end of the gun the bullet comes out of.

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morecats - March 11, 2012 at 16:08

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He wants to fire his staff but this fool cannot even fire a gun??!!

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Spyker_May - March 11, 2012 at 18:52

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WHY IS THIS INFORMATION CLASSIFIED..?

I pay my taxes towards a proficient police service - it is my fundamental constitutional right - viz THE GOVERNMENT WORK FOR ME, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

And then there are still idiots who claim we need the (proposed) Protection Of State Information Bill and legislation to control/mute the media (to allow this kind of thing to be hidden from the tax payer).

<http://www.news24.com/MyNews24/Protection-of-what-information-20120308>

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jomah.semur - March 11, 2012 at 19:30

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Does the general know anything about the Labour Relations Act? It is not that easy to fire someone without evidence of wrong doing beyond a reasonable doubt of guilt. This will go to CCMA, and more tax money will be wasted.

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Sizwe-wa-Pele - March 12, 2012 at 00:10

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@Frank. The pencil pusher "General Mkhwanazi" spent 18 years in the Special Task Force so I think your argument is a fail on that one.

@Jomah. Common Law principles dictate that a relationship of trust between employer and employee has to be maintained is one of the inherent aspects of a contract of employment. He may have a valid case here but its tough to call though.

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maseratiffittipaldi - March 12, 2012 at 06:14

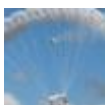
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Exactly, Spyker. I just wish more people can see government as a servant rather than some sort of celebrity.

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bernpm - March 11, 2012 at 14:52

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Shoot the messenger(s) so you can hide the problem(s) before solving any

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Sinudeity - March 11, 2012 at 14:54

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Why would information on incompetence in the police-force be deemed as 'classified'?

We have a right to know about incompetence.

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Kevin Sadie - March 11, 2012 at 14:55

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The test is so flippen easy can't believe they failed it. You telling me the public are better trained than cops? That's bad. Wonder how the army is doing with this regard

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Sizwe-wa-Pele - March 12, 2012 at 00:12

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No jokes a couple of okes I took it with flunked, it was f@#\$%ng funny considering they were the big mouths in the class...

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Deeteem - March 11, 2012 at 14:55

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Megalomania is the word here along with thick, stupid, doff,a&&hole !!

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JennyLove - March 11, 2012 at 14:56

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I thought it was Bob from next door - only he could be so arrogant but now I see Bob from next door is a good role-model.

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Johnnie Vercuil - March 11, 2012 at 14:59

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How stupid can you get, and then this man is in charge of the SAPS. Does he not know that he has no right to fire those people for what he thinks they have done. He is only the acting Chief of Police and, if he does not know it, not even God can fire those people, because they must first find out who the guilty party is. He must be thinkibg he is VERY important.

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wendy.n.schmidt - March 11, 2012 at 15:05

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Johnnie, problem is .. he doesn't think!

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liz.clarke.1806 - March 11, 2012 at 15:36

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Looks like the CCMA is going to be very busy.. The Lieutenant General may end up with a lot of egg on his face and still not know who leaked the document!

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Tilo Von Brandis - March 11, 2012 at 15:48

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He believes that the secrecy act is already in force. Nobody would have reported this because if the act would have been law already. This shows us what will be classified!

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Freddie Miller - March 11, 2012 at 16:26

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He is ignorant, usual cadre bulldust.
Such a joke.

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wendy.n.schmidt - March 11, 2012 at 15:04

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Why would you fire your staff .. oh didn't you want the truth be told .. so who actually needs to be fired?

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somyakg - March 11, 2012 at 15:18

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A firm stance Gen against those who leak ****classified**** documents,I like the idea but go through the right channels !!

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Arthur - March 11, 2012 at 21:34

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I'm sure he will. I believe in him. Former head of our Task Force where trust is everything.

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somyakg - March 11, 2012 at 15:19

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lara.vanrooyen.1 - March 11, 2012 at 15:19

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If people are prepared to blow the whistle and lose their jobs it means they are beyond fed up. It sets a precedent for others to follow.

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sizwe.ngwenya.98 - March 11, 2012 at 15:25

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Have we already classified information? If classification means this, and the that people who are doing their work should be fired, then I support the interests groups to say NO to Information Bill...

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irene.buthelezi.1 - March 11, 2012 at 15:26

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Lieutenant general (ROTFLMAO!) Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi is the one that should be fired for allowing such incompetence within the police 'force'. He is the one who lose his job because he quite obviously is not capable of doing it.

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John Loveland - March 11, 2012 at 15:49

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What a brainless idiot... Firing all the staff will fix the problem... This should NOT be public knowledge???? No wonder we read of the recent spate of cop shootings. Thats 83 000 who failed or have not even been trained. I just wish they had told us how many cops in the force. Would have made for some nice stats....

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Thomas Barry - March 11, 2012 at 16:04

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Kevin Sadie very brave and good trained civilian who is possible to arrest hard criminals that we do all day, you are a softy and dont know wat the term trained mean. I agree with the National Commander, we cant allow cops to leak information, confidentiality and trust is fondamentals in SAPS. Act against the untrustworthy members.

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Dave Leverton - March 11, 2012 at 16:06

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The CCMA are going to have a field day.

Then us taxpayers will pay their awards.

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Satish - March 11, 2012 at 16:09

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DON'T FIRE THE INTERNAL AUDIT. FIRE THE 27329 POLICE OFFICERS BEFORE THEY HARM SOMEONE ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN STREETS. IT'S GOOD FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC TO KNOW FROM WHERE WE COMING FROM AND WHERE WE ARE DOING TO WHEN IT COMES TO SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE. MAYBE THESE COPS WIFE'S CAN TEACH THEM HOW TO FIRE STRAIGHT. LAST YEAR IT WAS ABOUT FIRE-ARMS GOING MISSING FROM SAPS TO CRIMANALS AND KNOW THIS."LOL"

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Rev.Jacksonn.III - March 11, 2012 at 16:10

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Odds are that this info was not kept on 'secure' networks at all times - If he fires the entire audit team he will just be 'shooting himself in the foot'. Legal battles to follow... (at the tax payers expense)

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Tshililo Siobo - March 11, 2012 at 16:13

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This young boy is a serious joke to South Africa.

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Freddie Miller - March 11, 2012 at 16:29

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Typical, don't try address the deficiencies, rather attack the messenger.

He has total disregard and lack of understanding for the law, but is the acting national commisioner, only in SA.

Yet another hopelessly unqualified and unfit for the job ANC cadre.

What a joke he and his party are.

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Allan Whitton - March 11, 2012 at 16:30

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why did he not want the public to know, we pay his wages. He should be fired for covering up incompetence. no excuses like "This was happening before I took over", he knew in December and did nothing and now he reveals that he wanted to cover this up from the public. Then we can ask Mr Cele about his reign.

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gemmaleigh.evans.3 - March 11, 2012 at 16:32

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Typical! Instead of addressing the problem at hand, let's fire a whole department containing one untrustworthy staff member. All this has served to prove, is that we really can't trust the police statistics on how \well\ they are doing as its now clear as daylight their intention is to mislead the public! Police make a big deal out of one successful mission, while conveniently sweeping all their failures under the rug. Our justice system is a waste of time and tax payers money....who actually goes to the police these days for help? If you did you'd find your case file forgotten the very next day.

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gerhard.kress.3 - March 11, 2012 at 17:01

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It is quite obvious that the general does not understand his legal limitations. He is the wrong man in that job.

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keith.ngobeni - March 11, 2012 at 17:11

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Why this general is trying to cover up the incompetence which is taking place in the south African police services, he is the one who suppose to be sacked because he is not doing his job properly.

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Susan - March 11, 2012 at 17:21

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pity they didnt leak how many are by being discriminated against by not being promoted and how many cannot even read or write

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Sizwe-wa-Pele - March 12, 2012 at 00:16

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You will be shocked at how many of those being discriminated against arent even white but black. And please dont deny it you know very well what you are insinuating...

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Kingabsolom - March 11, 2012 at 17:38

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SAPS is a joke!

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Sanet Oelofse - March 11, 2012 at 17:44

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Tighten security much? \r\nIf they can't even secure information...

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joseph.tetty.9 - March 11, 2012 at 18:09

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This is part of the secrecy Bill,power to fire for speaking the Truth.How do you as a Civil Servant hide the Truth from your employers,the people of South Africa.The President has no money to pay your wages even though he appoints you,it is the Tax payers.

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Johnson - March 11, 2012 at 18:21

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shocking - and obviously shows the incompetency of the current SAPS - now wonder Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi wants it covered up. The proficiency tests is very basic to say the least. Only way out is to exclude armed forces from being tested Mr Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi - then you don't have to hide their in competencies

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Sidney Johnson - March 11, 2012 at 18:44

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Another rocket scientist for a police commissioner.

Here we have more than eighty thousand (80 000) orifices running around with firearms for which they have either no or inadequate training and this moron wants to prosecute and fire the people responsible for the leak.

I believe that the total top structure of the SAPS should be fired and charged with criminal negligence for this state of affairs and this idiot should be strung up by the b@lls seeing as it is the safety of every South African citizen that is being put in jeopardy by this state of affairs.

Legal gun owners in South Africa had to go through competency training for the firearms we own and then had to re-apply for our licenses, yet here we have the SAPS merrily doling out weapons to people who at best are barely literate and considering the events over the past couple of months where numerous innocent people have been shot, lack either the judgment or moral integrity to handle a firearm.

Instead of being punished the people responsible for leaking this info should be rewarded for their bravery in doing the right thing for the citizens of this country.

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MarkH - March 11, 2012 at 20:03

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General you really need to get that info bill up & running. Can't have the public thinking that your force are useless, what would the criminals think?

Either that or DO YOUR BLOODY JOB. Why do you think you're in charge?

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ivan.myers.35 - March 11, 2012 at 20:10

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And I was fired for talking to the media about starving police dogs. What a joke, they hate the truth.

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tw2066 - March 11, 2012 at 20:18

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Haha, I can see it now.. "if you tell the truth, and inform the public to whom we are accountable... you will be fired...have you learnt nothing from Selebi and Cele ... Whats wrong wit chooo?"

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Harry - March 11, 2012 at 21:28

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Maybe the SAPS should be reminded that their job is to serve and protect, no wonder criminal activity in SA is increasing daily, We have to trust these clowns to protect us from criminals, no wonder no one respects the SAPS, if people cant reach a certain standard in their job description, dont lower the standards, get rid of the stupid ones.

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Harry - March 11, 2012 at 21:44

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What scares me is what else is not made known, if info like this are being kept secret from the public, then it truly reflects the current condition of South Africa, and the Governments ability to provide security to their citizens, but it comes as no surprise that the clown running the show is just as useless as his staff.

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sariena.robberdtse - March 11, 2012 at 22:10

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I have never enjoyed something so much as to be a racist pig in South Africa

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sariena.robberse - March 11, 2012 at 22:15

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Mkise, show mw one hardworking official and i will buy you both kentucky

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KReddy - March 11, 2012 at 23:09

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o to all u guys hackling about the general sapf being a bunch of inadequate buffoons, to an extent yes, but I do know dedicated and highly proficient marksmen and women in the force. Ahem, they all close to retirement though and you can take what you want from this statement. The sad truth is that the general conception of any gov dept is poor because most gov depts have a majority of inefficiient ppl working for them. I for one am a professional with 6 years of study and post grad industry experience under my belt and have had the misfortune of being employed by a dept that does not recognize scarce skills (I'm one of about 450 professionals in my field in rsa) and my particular dept by laws in place cannot function without ppl like me. I'm looking out the dept now cos u really only get fat and slowly but surely stoopid when u sit there and wait for a pc to come for u to work on cos there's no money or red tape with 500 forms to fill to get that pc and pen.

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Sizwe-wa-Pele - March 12, 2012 at 00:21

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So why didnt you buy a laptop and software so you can do your job, since you are so special!? I can truly believe that you are a civil servant you clearly lack initiative if you cant do such a simple things as acquiring a laptop, but cry for a simple computer to do your job.....

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willem.vanrensburg.35 - March 12, 2012 at 07:56

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Power corrupts. The police commissioner clearly misusing his power. It appears as if our government just do not learn the lessons. Stop losing your creditability, and start being honest and build creditability. The public long ago stopped trusting the government. If anything is said, people start looking for the lie.

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Blane Blandon - March 14, 2012 at 05:34

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lieutenant general Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi should be charged with attempted murder for allowing untrained police officers out into the streets with fire arms

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Khakhathi Nyathi Nemadzivhanani - May 14, 2012 at 09:59

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What a disgrace, we've got more than a thousand police officers who can't even use their firearms. What action is going to be taken against that negative fact?

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jason.dejongh - May 14, 2012 at 10:38

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Fanfrigintastic "27 329 police officers on active duty had failed their firearm proficiency tests"

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Danie - May 14, 2012 at 10:38

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I believe I could answer the question. Why is this information classify? Now all criminals know the odds are in your favor to get away from the cops, If they has guns , a lot of them would not know what to do with it. Instead of firing all the useless cops, in most cases probably the affirmative action appointed, one's, Not at all because they black, just that the should not have been appointed in the first place, and only got their job because of their black skin. Start at the top cops , the first one is in jail already, I wonder when the next one will join him, and it look like the third one would follow the first soon, possibly before he is even appointed. I wonder how would he manage the police from jail?

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Simon Johan Human - May 14, 2012 at 10:38

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i wish these idiots actually read our posts. This is the best thing that could have happened to the South African police department, because now they might actually look at giving the NOOB

policemen some training instead of sitting on their asses all day. Maybe then the cops will do their jobs and catch more criminals than the handful they are at the moment.

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stansb.za - June 6, 2012 at 11:32

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@Sizwe - has the "Special Task Force" even been around for 18 years? I am still amazed that a senior official from the SAPS will threaten staff (including innocent ones, invariably) with dismissal. If I were them, I'd resign under the argument of constructive dismissal - ALL OF THEM, and IMMEDIATELY claim 12 months salary back! If a public company did this, STOCK PRICES would plummet. Why do we not list the police on the Stock Exchange, and see how long they survive? Disgusting. I JUST resigned as (Specialist, Class C) Reservist. I always thought the police has only one interest: serving the public. Man - I was wrong!

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