

# Committee to Protect Journalists blasts Protection of State Information Bill

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The message that South Africa is sending across the continent with a Protection of State Information Bill that is severely detrimental to the freedom of information is one of the reasons why the government needs to reconsider the bill. This was according to two leading lights of the Committee to Protect Journalists, who were in South Africa on a fact-finding mission on the bill, but also to lobby the ANC to change its stance on the bill.



And that's only the beginning of CPJ's concerns.

Despite what some may believe, SA doesn't exist in a vacuum. Actions taken here can have reverberations across the continent and the world. And 17 years after the first democratic vote happened, this country still is a beacon for freedom-loving people throughout the world.

This was the message brought to SA by two representatives of the New York-based [Committee to Protect Journalists](#). The chairwoman Sandra Mims-Rowe and the deputy director Robert Mahoney met with several local editors, as well as ANC spokesman Jackson Mthembu, to express their concerns about the Protection of State Information Bill.

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