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## PRESS RELEASE

### Press Freedom Day- The good, the bad and the silent

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The Freedom of Expression Institute today commemorated Press Freedom Day by celebrating the role played by the media in the country, highlighting the difficulties it faces and reminding the lack of progress in an enquiry into the media's role in State Capture.

"The media's continuing role in strengthening our democracy by highlighting gloomy disclosures that are presented almost daily to South Africans at the commissions of inquiry into state capture and into tax administration and governance issues at the SA Revenue Service, as well as a slew of reports and findings from other inquiries into private and other organisations gives us cause for celebration", said Freedom of Expression Institute's Executive Director Samkelo Mokhine.

"Maintaining steady pressure through determined efforts to promote freedom of expression and access to information in the face of dwindling budgets as well as attacks similar to the ones on Samkelo Maseko, Karima Brown and the launch of Pieter-Louis Myburgh's book launch augurs well for the future", added Mokhine

"However, the silence that has followed initial discussions about an inquiry into the role of the media in State Capture is deafening and is cause for concern", concluded Samkelo Mokhine.

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