

Guptas want Indy stake: Survé says 'No!'



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NEWSWATCH: Iqbal Survé, Sekunjalo's executive chairman, is reported by IOL to have turned down a bid by the Guptas for a stake in Independent News & Media group. Meanwhile, SA photojournalist Adil Bradlow, released by Egyptian authorities, is due back in SA this morning, reports Mail & Guardian, and The Guardian in the UK takes a look at how the late Sir David Frost made his place in TV history (Video).

For more:

- IOL: [Guptas fail in bid for Indy stake...](#) According the IOL report, Sekunjalo Investment Holdings' executive chairman, Iqbal Survé, refused to consider a bid by the Gupta family for a stake in Independent News & Media group. Apparently, Survé's refusal to consider bids from the Guptas and other politically-connected entities came about because, according to IOL, the "Public Investment Corp, Africa's biggest fund manager and part of the group which owns the Independent group of newspapers, objected to any changes in the shareholding".

Survé is reported to have said that the consortium is now complete, no additional members will be considered, and it will be holding on to its assets, including its titles.

- Mail & Guardian: [Photojournalist to return to SA after Egypt deportation...](#) South African photojournalist Adil Bradlow, who has been deported from Egypt for allegedly filming without accreditation, is expected back in SA this morning. Al Jazeera meanwhile has issued the following statement:

"Al Jazeera correspondent Wayne Hay, cameraman Adil Bradlow, producers Russ Finn and Mohammed Baher were released by the Egyptian authorities on Sunday afternoon [1 September]. They were arrested on Tuesday [27 August] and were detained for five days without charge.

"Al Jazeera Media Network would like to thank all those who helped us over the past few difficult days, especially the New Zealand, South African and Irish embassies in Cairo.

"However, Shihab Eddin Shaarawi, the Al Jazeera Mubasher Misr executive producer, was arrested early on Friday morning by security forces, who kept denying his detention until Sunday, when they confirmed that he has been arrested.

"Meanwhile Al Jazeera Arabic correspondent Abdullah al-Shami and Al Jazeera Mubasher Misr cameraman

Mohamed Badr are still being detained. Abdullah was arrested on 14 August 2013, while Mohamed has been held for more than one month.

"These arrests are part of what Reporters Without Borders has called "growing hostility" towards journalists in Egypt.

"Al Jazeera calls for the Egyptian authorities to release all our staff unconditionally, along with their belongings and equipment."

- The Guardian: [Sir David Frost: multiple talents earned a place in TV history...](#) In a play on the late Frost's catchphrase: "Hello, good evening and welcome" it's "cheers, farewell and go well" to the TV interviewer most famous for drawing a confession from disgraced US president Richard Nixon. However, as The Guardian puts it... "Such was the longevity and breadth of Sir David Frost's career in television that arguably any one of a good half-dozen of his achievements would have been sufficient to secure his place in broadcasting history."

Frost (he was 74) died, reportedly of a heart attack, while on board a cruise ship:

Here's the man in action:

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