

SACBC STATEMENTS

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A total black-out on unrest reporting except for statements cleared officially, and imposed in terms of revised emergency regulations elicited this statement on behalf of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference.

“The Conference has already expressed dismay at the existing suppression of news and if total suppression of the state of emergency is to be imposed, an intolerable and dangerous situation must arise.

“The actions of the security forces should be seen by all to be just and controlled. They should have nothing to hide.

“The present censorship already prevents full public knowledge of such actions. One is aghast to imagine what total suppression of this information will bring about.”