
From:
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 2:42 PM
To: anton@harber.co.za
Cc: Richard Spoor
Subject: RE: apology and explanation, Danikas

Mr Harber,

As a first step, can you please walk me through the following:

1. You have made a set of serious allegations about me in your previously published work. Why have you not contacted me for comment, prior to publication?
2. What evidence did you rely on to report these allegations against me ?
3. How was that evidence verified as accurate?

Once you address these questions, we can progress to discuss other issues.

Please note that it is deeply concerning to me that you have not done the most basic professional work of a journalist, in calling people for comment before publishing allegations by others about them and not fact checking the allegations thoroughly enough, to determine correctly if they were inaccurate.

Thus, I will be looking for evidence whether you do in fact employ professional standards when you do your research for your publications and write about whistleblowers.

Ari

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From: Anton Harber <anton@harber.co.za>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 3:52 PM
To:
Subject: Re: apology and explanation, Danikas

Mr Danikas

I would be keen to hear your view of events and see the evidence you have to support it.

Anton

On Wed, Sep 8, 2021 at 5:49 PM <> wrote:

Dear Mr. Harber

I am contacting you directly in an effort to give you the opportunity to explain your unethical and biased attitude towards my character recently.

You Sir have written within your latest book, about me in a negative manner, however you have never met me, interviewed me, as well as have refused to engage with me, as previously suggested to you by a mutual acquaintance .I strongly believe that the rules of engagement should apply to all, including journalists and authors.

Furthermore, you have sent an email to a mutual acquaintance, (Mr. Clarke), where you proceed to belittle me by referring to my character as , “this client has such a dubious reputation ” !

I am in possession of that email.

As a courtesy I am giving you the opportunity to apologise to me for the above remark. I strongly believe that you have been played by certain individuals that have used many prominent journalists and authors in South Africa to character assassinate me in order to silence me, the whistleblower.

You speak and teach about “ journalists should make sure that whistleblowers stories are heard “, as well as “ journalists should be non-biased with the stories they cover”, yet you Sir are contradicting your own principles in my case.

I was advised to engage legally with you. However, I respect the work of journalists to provide valuable info to our free society, but only when it is accurate and In the public interest.

I am telling you right now the info you have written is not accurate.

You may not have known this fact: it is entirely in keeping with a set of other journalists who were unfortunately manipulated by one of the parties in the case.

I would first like to resolve this issue in a less confrontational way and would like to present you the opportunity to explain your actions towards me.

I am looking forward to your urgent reply.

Best Regards

Aristeidis Danikas

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