

'Nation' editor lodges sentence appeal

Bheki Makhubu and the Nation magazine have formally noted an appeal against a E200,000 fine (and possible two year jail sentence) after conviction by the Swaziland High Court for 'scandalising' the court.

Makhubu had said he could not afford to pay the fine by the deadline today (23 April 2013), which meant he would immediately be jailed for two years.

The Times of Swaziland newspaper reported that this note of appeal to the Supreme Court means that Makhubu will not be jailed today.

It reported, 'An appeal, in terms of the rules, stays execution of an order of a subordinate court. The appeal was served to the Director of Public Prosecutions, Nkosinathi Maseko at close of business yesterday.'

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