

Sasol probe needed

WHILE confessing to frequently being bored to tears by cries for Commissions of Inquiry into this, that and the other, I sincerely hope a full-scale inquiry will be held into exactly how the Sasol catastrophe was allowed to happen.

Early reports made reference to a hole being found in a security fence, but it appears that the damage had already been done.

Before any appropriate action could be taken, explosions took place, indicating that charges must have been laid. The saboteurs must have had time on their side to do all this.

Why did an alarm not go off the minute the fence was cut to make a hole? How well, and how frequently, are these perimeters patrolled?

It seems absurd to reflect that on May 30 a display of military "might" was taking place around South Africa and then, a few days later, a successful sabotage attempt took place against one of our very lifelines.

Those of us who may have been through wartime experiences (and probably many who haven't) are not too worried about the danger or violence. What disturbs us, I believe, is how things are being handled. Can we expect some heads to roll over this business?

Someone must be responsible, and we would like assurances that such incidents will not be allowed to happen again.

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