

### **South African National Editors' Forum Press Statement**

The SA National Editors' Forum deplors the reported blatant act of violation of media freedom by visiting American musician R Kelly.

Sanef has learnt with shock that an attempt was made to compel journalists covering the musician to sign a document that commits them to censorship and several stringent conditions in direct violation of media freedom, a right guaranteed in our Constitution.

Sanef calls on R Kelly and his team to desist from the reported acts of violation of media freedom. If he has any concerns about the journalism in our country, he should raise them openly so that they can be addressed. We hope that his welcome visit will not be marred by controversy around the violation of media freedom.