

Is This Day going to bring their irresponsible journalism to South Africa?

After the newspaper triggered bloody riots in Nigeria over the Miss World contest the question begs asking - What kind of national newspaper is This Day going to introduce to South Africa early next year?

The Nigerian newspaper announced after their failed bid for CNA that they were going to introduce a weekly South African version. It is this selfsame publication that triggered the riots over the Miss World contest in Nigeria with their irresponsible journalism - an article that suggested that the Prophet Mohammed would not have opposed the staging of the pageant in Nigeria and might have married one of the beauty queens competing for the Miss World crown was totally insensitive to the volatility of situation. The journalist may have been fired, but the fact remains that more than 175 people are dead because of it. South African Muslims are perhaps not as fanatical as Nigeria's, but nonetheless we still need journalism in this country to be sensitive to different peoples' beliefs.

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