

Dear Mr Wheeler,

thank you for your recent correspondence.

Even a cursory look at the news that was reported by the BBC on the day in question reveals that of the dozens of UK news stories that were featured on the range of BBC produced media, most seem rather trivial when compared with one involving the ultra-right wing paramilitary organisations, NHS dentists, bombs and the plotting of racist master plans. In addition, this, the largest ever seizure of bomb-making equipment occurred in Lancashire, a stone's throw from urban centres with high populations of people of Black and Asian descent and visibly high levels of (legal and illegal) activity by the ultra-right wing (BNP and affiliated organisations, C18 etc. etc.) So the story was about a great deal more than you reduce it to in your response:

*"I understand your frustration at the lack of BBC News coverage of the recent news that two men have been charged with being in possession of a large amount of explosive materials."*

Despite my long-standing high regard for the BBC and the consequent best intentions, I'm afraid that at best, I can regard the content of your response as merely fatuous whilst being able to imagine how less optimistic individuals might see more sinister things between the lines of your email.

You can be assured that I will be raising my concerns with all the relevant organisations, but felt I should allow you an opportunity to seriously address my concern at what must surely have been a 'news blackout', before proceeding.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Indra Sarkar