



MEDIA STATEMENT

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The Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Criminality, Political Interference and Corruption in the Criminal Justice System will enter Phase Two of the inquiry tomorrow (Tuesday), 18 November 2025.

Phase Two will start with testimony by Mr Brown Mogotsi, who will take the witness stand on 18 and 19 November 2025.

The inquiry enters Phase Two on Day 35 of the Commission's hearings. The Commission has heard testimony from 27 witnesses since the first hearing on 17 September 2025 when Lieutenant General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi appeared as the first witness.

As outlined in the Legal Team's Opening Address on 17 September 2025, Phase One was to formally place the 'untested allegations' under oath before the Commission, setting the foundation for the entire inquiry. Phase One was also about corroborating and substantiating the allegations made by Lt Gen Mkhwanazi, but not testing these allegations.

Starting on 18 November 2025, Phase Two will give Persons of Interest (PoI) - individuals who have been implicated in Phase One – the opportunity to place before the Commission their version of and/or response to the allegations. Phase Two will proceed to rigorously test the evidence presented in Phase One.

Individuals and representatives of institutions have been invited or, where necessary, compelled to appear before the Commission. Those implicated in Phase One will now, in Phase Two, have the opportunity to offer their explanations or refute the claims made against them.

All Persons of Interest in Phase Two who have furnished a statement to the Commission will have the opportunity to take the Commission through their statement without hostile questioning. After they have testified to the contents of their statements, their evidence will be tested in questioning by the evidence leaders.

This is an ongoing process which ensures that those implicated are heard, which is critical for fairness, and their allegations are tested. Phase Two will run into the early part of 2026.

Due to scheduling challenges, there will be a few more Phase One witnesses appearing before the Commission, both in public and in camera, over the next few weeks whilst Phase Two is underway.

In Phase Three, Lt Gen Mkhwanazi and other key witnesses will again appear before the Commission to address the perspectives and counter-allegations presented by the implicated persons during Phase Two and to have their evidence in Phase One tested before the Commission.

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