



MEDIA STATEMENT

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STATEMENT BY JEREMY MICHAELS, SPOKESPERSON OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO CRIMINALITY, POLITICAL INTERFERENCE AND CORRUPTION IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

The Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Criminality, Political Interference and Corruption in the Criminal Justice System will hold hearings partially in camera from 20 to 22 October 2025.

Witnesses A, B and C will take the stand off camera - from a remote location - but with voices audible. The public and media will be able to access the auditorium at the Brigitte Mabandla Justice College where the hearings will be taking place. The proceedings will be livestreamed and the witnesses' exhibits will be displayed live on screen as the witnesses testify. The transcript of the witnesses' testimony will be publicly available after the witnesses have finished testifying. The Commission's evidence leaders will explain the rationale for this arrangement at the start of proceedings at 09h30 tomorrow (Monday).

The hearings from 20 to 22 October 2025 are proceeding in line with the ruling handed down by Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga on 14 October 2025, as agreed by the evidence leaders and the lawyers representing Daily Maverick and Media24. On 15 October 2025, Independent Online also consented to this agreement.

The witnesses will testify in relation to their experiences as detectives investigating crimes related to the criminal cartels which form the subject matter of the Commission's investigations, and to the attempts that have been made to interfere with these investigations.

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