



MEDIA STATEMENT

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MADLANGA COMMISSION SUBMITS SECOND INTERIM REPORT TO PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA

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The Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Criminality, Political Interference and Corruption in the Criminal Justice System, commonly known as the Madlanga Commission, has submitted its Second Interim Report to President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The Commission's Chairperson, Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga, assisted by Adv Sesi Baloyi SC and Adv Sandile Khumalo SC, was appointed by President Ramaphosa on 23 July 2025 to investigate the allegations made earlier that month by Lieutenant-General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi, the South African Police Service (SAPS) Provincial Commissioner for KwaZulu-Natal.

After a break from public hearings following submission of the First Interim Report on 17 December 2025, the Commission resumed its work on 5 January 2026 and commenced public hearings on 26 January 2026. Since then, the Commission has heard 32 witnesses over 64 days of hearings covering the South African Police Service (SAPS), Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Police Department (EMPD), and Tshwane Metropolitan Police Department (TMPD).

On 12 March 2026, the President extended the term of the Commission from 17 March to 31 August 2026, with a requirement that the Commission submit a Second Interim Report by 29 May 2026 and a Final Report by 31 August 2026.

The Commission will resume its public hearings this coming Monday, 1 June 2026, with further testimony relating to the Port Shepstone drug bust.

Several witnesses who have previously appeared before the Commission are due to return, including Minister Senzo Mchunu, Major-General Lesetja Senona and EMPD Deputy Chief Julius Mkhwanazi, amongst others. A number of new witnesses are under subpoena to appear in coming weeks.

The inquiry will continue to run phases one and two in parallel, with phase one being the airing of allegations, and phase two broadly being the responses by implicated individuals to specific allegations against them as well as giving those implicated persons the opportunity to tell their side of the story.

An announcement will be made in due course regarding phase three, which will see Lt-Gen Mkhwanazi, Lt-Gen Dumisani Khumalo and others return to the witness stand.

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