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REMINDER: WITNESS H TO BE HEARD IN-CAMERA ON FRIDAY, 8 MAY 2026

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

It has come to the attention of the Madlanga Commission that some media houses seem to have missed the ruling yesterday (Thursday) evening that the hearing of Witness H will be held fully in-camera. This means that the testimony of Witness H will proceed today (Friday) but will be held behind closed doors.

The testimony relates to the seizure of a consignment of drugs at the Durban harbor on 22 June 2021, the handling of the seized drugs and subsequent storage at the DPCI/Hawks office in Port Shepstone, the theft of the drugs from the DPCI/Hawks Port Shepstone office and what the investigations have uncovered. The Commission's hearings this week, and next, are focused on drug seizures by South African law enforcement agencies and the theft of such drugs.

The Commission's evidence leaders made an application on Tuesday, 5 May 2026, for Witness H to appear in-camera due to the fact that the testimony of the witness relates to ongoing investigations and therefore could not be tendered publicly without undermining the investigations and potential criminal prosecutions.

Two media houses replied to the application, notifying the Commission that they did not intend to oppose the application.

Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga subsequently handed down a ruling yesterday (Thursday), which was published by the Commission at 18h30, that the testimony of Witness H on 8 May 2026 "will be in camera with no video or audio feed to the public".

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ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO CRIMINALITY, POLITICAL INTERFERENCE AND CORRUPTION IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM