



PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER OF KWAZULU NATAL

MEDIA BRIEFING

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PURPOSE



The purpose of this presentation is to:

- Brief the citizens of KwaZulu Natal and by extension the inhabitants of the Republic of South Africa about the work of the Political Killings Task Team.

BACKGROUND OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM



- The escalation of politically related incidents in KwaZulu Natal up to 2018 led to the President of the Republic of South Africa, his Excellency President Ramaphosa establishing the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) consisting of the ministries of Police, State Security Agency, Defence, Justice and Correctional Services. This happened during the visit by the President to the family of the ANC activist, the late Mr Musawenkosi Qashana Mchunu who was assassinated in Plessisslaer in May 2018.
- After the assessment by the IMC of the then Provincial Task Team investigating these incidents, one of the preliminary observations amongst others was that the Task Team was working in silos, compromised and that it did not have an investigation and prosecutorial plan or strategy, as a result there was little or no progress in the investigation and prosecution on these cases.

BACKGROUND OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM



- A decision was taken by the IMC to establish a National Integrated Multi-disciplinary Task Team consisting of SAPS and National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) supported by State Security Agency (SSA) and Correctional Services which commenced in July 2018 to implement the now tried and tested analysis-led and prosecution-driven investigation strategy.
- As the result of the excellent performance, the Political Killings Task Team has been assigned in other Presidential Intervention Projects: killing of Traditional leaders in KZN as well as murders within the University of Fort Hare EC.

SUCCESSSES OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM



- Since the establishment of the Political Killings Task Team in July 2018, the Team has been investigating a total of **612** dockets. These cases include Murder, Attempted Murder, Intimidation, Conspiracy to commit murder and other cases.
- A total of **436** suspects were arrested and charged, with **156** firearms recovered of which **55** links ballistically to politically related cases. An additional **35** SAPS members were arrested and charged on attempts to defeat the course of justice on these cases.
- A total of **128** accused were found guilty on **106** cases, **29** accused were sentenced to life imprisonment, **40** accused were sentenced between 10 to 135 years, **25** accused were sentenced between 1 to 9 years, **23** accused sentenced between 3 to 12 months. Awaiting sentencing of **11 eleven** accused on two cases. The sentences total to **1801** years imprisonment.



CURRENT STATUS OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM

- On the 26th March 2025 a total of **121** case dockets under investigation were taken away from the Task Team as directed by the Deputy National Commissioner: Crime Detection Lt General Sibiya acting on the instruction of the Minister of Police to disband the Task Team. This was done without the authority of the National nor the Provincial Commissioner.

NB: These case dockets have been seating at the Head Office ever since without any investigation work done on them.

- Therefore the team accounts for only **112** dockets of which **54** are politically related, **22** Parallel, **15** Adhoc, **16** University of Fort Hare and **5** Traditional Leadership

POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM SUPPORT TO THE GAUTENG ORGANISED CRIME INVESTIGATION UNIT



- In the year 2024, A request was received from Gauteng Organised Crime Investigation Unit to assist with the investigation to dismantle the organised crime syndicate operating in the country and controlled in Gauteng Province.
- The Provincial Commissioner of KwaZulu Natal took a decision to deploy ten (10) members from the Political Killings Task Team to support Gauteng Organised Crime Investigation Unit.
- This investigation has unmasked the syndicate which involves Politicians, Law Enforcement (SAPS, Metro Police & Correctional Services), Prosecutors, Judiciary and controlled by Drug cartel as well as Business People.

NB: This act undermines the South African Criminal Justice System



INFILTRATION OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

- ❑ Mr Brown Mogotsi sends WhatsApp messages to Lt General Mkhwanazi regarding the allegations on the defeating the ends of justice matters which were publicised which involve the Department of Correctional Services at Empangeni in KwaZulu Natal.
- ❑ Mr Brown Mogosti also sends a screenshot of a presentation that was made on the 30th September 2024 titled “2024/2025 Division Crime Intelligence Policies” to Lt Gen Mkhwanazi,

NB: when asked to share the copy of this presentation, he responded by saying,
“*Gen Khan will brief u next week*”.

He further wrote that,

“*the Minister is briefed, he has just arrived in Lusikisiki*”.

INFILTRATION OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM



- On the 5th March 2025 a presentation was made to the Portfolio Committee by the Provincial Commissioner of KwaZulu Natal which included the allegations of an associate of the Minister of Police (Brown Mogotsi).
- The Minister denied knowing Mr Brown Mogotsi in Parliament, however the Minister confirmed that he knows this Mr Brown Mogotsi during the telephonic conversation which was posted @londcare 3-30 where he confirmed that this was his comrade from North West Province,
- The evidence has been found in the cellphone of the accused Mr Vusimuzi @CAT Matlala which shows the communication between Mr Brown and the Minister of Police Mr Senzo Mchunu.

THE BEGINNING OF THE ORCHESTRATED DEMISE OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM



The sequence of events :

- In April 2024, Mr Swart, a Qtech employee was fatally shot while entering the company premises. Qtech has been a long-standing service provider to Transnet. Shortly after the incident, three suspects, including **Warrant Officer Detective Tau Pule**, were arrested in Johannesburg. During the arrest, weapons used in the murder—an AK-47 and a pistol—along with cellphones, were confiscated.
- The ballistic expert from within the Political Killing Task Team conducted examination of these firearms.

THE BEGINNING OF THE ORCHESTRATED DEMISE OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM



The sequence of events continues:

- On the 6th December 2024, the Task Team visited the premises of two of the high-profile syndicates of which one (Mr. Katiso Molefe) was arrested for the murder of Mr Swart. The unusual activities were observed whilst the team was busy with this operation.
- On the 30th December 2024 the Ballistic Expert issued a ballistic report which linked these firearms with a number of High-Profile cases (including high-profile South African Artists) which occurred in Gauteng dating as far back as 2021.

THE BEGINNING OF THE ORCHESTRATED DEMISE OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM



The sequence of events continues:

- On the 31st December 2024, the Minister of Police Mr Senzo Mchunu, issued a letter to disband the Political Killings Task Team and to suspend the filling of all vacancies within the Crime Intelligence.
- In January, February, and April 2025 the Deputy National Commissioner Crime Detection Lt General Sibiba issued written instructions withdrawing all the case dockets from the Task Team to his office.

ORCHESTRATED DEMISE OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM



The sequence of events continues:

- On the 14th May 2025 the Task Team arrested Vusimuzi @CAT Matlala for an attempted murder x3.

NB: This is an individual who was awarded a police contract of over 360 million rands in 2024.

- An analysis was conducted on electronic communication of this syndicate.
- This analysis reveals communication between the arrested Vusimuzi @CAT Matlala, Mr Brown Mogotsi an associate of the Minister of Police as well as the Minister of Police, Mr. Senzo Mchunu.

ORCHESTRATED DEMISE OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM



The sequence of events continues:

- On the 1st January 2025 , Brown Mogotsi sent a whatsapp to Vusimuzi CAT Matlala :
‘I have arranged a meeting for Sibiya and the Minister, they must have a solution’
followed by another that stated, ‘
The task team that came to your house and harassed you have been dissolved; they got the letter on Monday. As we speak, they are bringing all dockets to Sibiya.’
- Further analysis of the chats indicates that Vusimuzi CAT Matlala is financially supporting the Minister of Police and Mr Brown Mogotsi’s political endeavors. This is supported by the evidence of conversations and the proof of payments of guests for the January 8th travelling costs and a gala dinner table in Cape Town.

ORCHESTRATED DEMISE OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM



The sequence of events continues: On the 9th January 2025 Vusimuzi CAT Matlala sent a Proof of Payment to Mr Brown Mogotsi.

NOTIFICATION OF PAYMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

First National Bank hereby confirms that the following payment instruction has been received:

Date Actioned	: 2025/01/09
Time Actioned	: 14:25:29
Trace ID	: MR29KV3M

Payer Details

Payment From	: Medicare 24 Tswane District (pty) Ltd
Cur/Amount	: 111,000.00

Payee Details

Recipient/Account No	: . . 233288
Name	: Gotlhe Specialist
Bank	: FNB/RMB
Branch Code	: 250655
Reference	: Medicare 24

ORCHESTRATED DEMISE OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM



The sequence of events continues:

- On the 2nd January 2025 at 10:05 Vusimuzi CAT Matlala received a copy of the letter of the disbandment of the Political Killings Task Team from Mr Brown Mogotsi who is an associate with the Minister of Police Senzo Mchunu.

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The sequence of events continues:

- On the 14th January 2025 Mr Brown communicates with Mr Vusimuzi CAT Matlala as follows: *"Sure, Don't forget to work on yrInvoices"* . On the 15th January Mr Vusimuzi CAT Matlala respond with a screenshot:

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ORCHESTRATED DEMISE OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM



The sequence of events continues:

- On the 26th January 2025 Mr Brown Mogotsi sent a message to the Minister of Police Senzo Mchunu which reads as follows:

‘The guy of the funding (20) is also in Joburg from Tuesday. He is the 1 I said has a 3billion contract with SAPS’

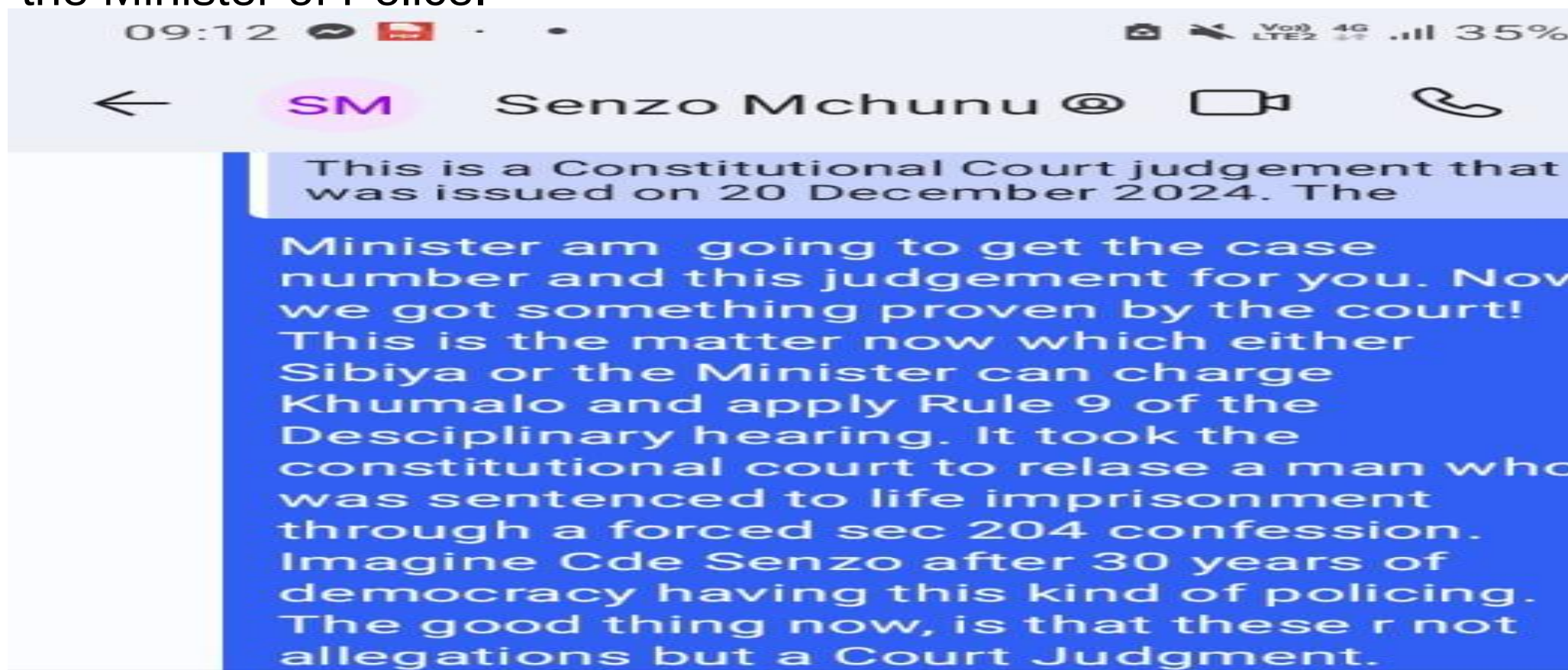
‘I’m also meeting with the DNC and CoS today in Durban for finalization of Khumalo and Gen Mkhwanazi matters.’

‘DNC is waiting for the CoS here. This is very significant.’

ORCHESTRATED DEMISE OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM



- Is there a theory of conspiracy Targeting some senior officers involving the Minister of Police?
- On the 31st December 2024 Mr Brown Mogotsi sent the following message to the Minister of Police.



ORCHESTRATED DEMISE OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM



- On the 13th May 2025 the contract of Vusimuzi CAT Matlala was cancelled by the National Commissioner.
- On the 14th May 2025 Vusimuzi CAT Matlala sent the message to Mr Brown Mogotsi

*'Morning, just to let you know that my contract was **cancelled** yesterday, and i see you've been **ignoring** me and **promising me things** that never happened, luckily took screenshots of every conversation just in case something like this might happen, I'm taking all this to media and some to court on Friday when i do the interdict'*

ORCHESTRATED DEMISE OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS TASK TEAM



- On the 30th of May 2025, the Investigative Directorate Against Corruption (IDAC) requested the exhibits (cellphones) of Vusimuzi CAT Matlala from the Political Killings Task Team and they downloaded the contents of the cellphones.
- On the 25th June 2025, the Project Coordinator of the Political Killings Task Team is arrested by the IDAC.
- On the 26th of June 2025, the accused Katiso @KT Molefe who was arrested by the Task Team was granted bail.

NB: The work of Gauteng Organised Crime supported by the Political Killings Task Team has been compromised.



CONCLUSION

- The disbandment of the Political Killings Task Team, was influenced by the sterling work that they performed in Gauteng to uncover the criminal syndicate which involves some members of the Criminal Justice System operating in Gauteng Province.
- Despite all these challenges, we acknowledge and appreciate the resilience of the members of the Political Killings Task Team.
- The Political Killings Task Team, remains operational albeit attempts to disrupt its work to protect and serve the inhabitants of the Republic as enshrined in Section 205 (3) Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.
- A criminal investigation has been launched against all this possible infiltration and control of Criminal Justice System by the Organised Crime Syndicates.



CONCLUSION

- This is the call to all dedicated men and women of the South African Police Service to stand up and protect our people against this criminal syndicate
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THANK YOU