

MEDIA RELEASE PSA calls on Financial Intelligence Centre to assist Madlanga Judicial Commission

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), representing thousands of employees of the criminal justice system, calls on the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) to actively support the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into allegations of corruption at the South African Police Service (SAPS) and related state institutions.

The PSA welcomes the appointment by the President of Justice Mbuyiseni Madlanga in terms of section 84(2)(f) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa to lead this critical inquiry. The Commission was formally established through *Government Gazette No 53048* on 23 July 2025, with public hearings scheduled to begin in August 2025.

The Commission's terms of reference are extensive, focusing on investigating whether criminal syndicates, such as drug cartels, have infiltrated or unduly influenced key institutions. These include the SAPS (particularly Crime Intelligence and the Political Killings Task Team), the Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni and Tshwane Metropolitan Police Departments, the National Prosecuting Authority, the State Security Agency, the judiciary and court administration, the Department of Correctional Services, and other organs of state in the criminal justice system. The inquiry will also examine the broader infiltration of government systems and the potential involvement of senior law enforcement and judicial officials in criminal activities.

A central issue identified in the Commission's work is the alleged illicit movement of money connected to these criminal activities. Given the nature of these allegations, the PSA believes that the involvement of the Financial Intelligence Centre is critical to ensuring that the Commission is able to uncover the financial mechanisms used to facilitate corruption and criminal collusion. The FIC is mandated to assist in identifying the proceeds of crime and in combating money laundering, terrorist financing, and related financial crimes. This makes it a strategic and essential organ of the state to support the Commission's efforts.

The PSA, therefore, calls on the FIC to provide its full cooperation and technical support to the Commission. This includes assisting in identifying the proceeds of crime, uncovering money laundering schemes, and tracing the flow of illicit funds among those implicated. Such collaboration will be vital to the success of the Commission and to efforts to restore integrity, accountability, and public trust in South Africa's justice and law enforcement institutions.

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