

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA calls on the President to extend the lifespan of the Madlanga Commission to ensure full accountability and justice
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The Public Servants Association (PSA), representing more than 240 000 public-sector employees, expresses its deep concern over the growing number of serious allegations of corruption, criminal infiltration, abuse of power, and governance failures emerging from key law-enforcement, and criminal justice institutions. One year after the explosive allegations made by KwaZulu-Natal Police Commissioner Lieutenant General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi regarding criminal infiltration and corruption within the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the broader criminal justice system, South Africans are still waiting for decisive action. While the establishment of the Madlanga Commission of Inquiry was a positive step, meaningful reforms and accountability remain painfully slow.

The PSA is equally concerned by the recent allegations made by senior officials within the Department of Correctional Services against the National Commissioner. These allegations raise fundamental questions about governance, ethical leadership, and accountability within another critical institution responsible for upholding the rule of law. The PSA emphasises that these allegations should not be regarded as findings of fact. However, they are sufficiently serious to warrant a comprehensive, transparent, and independent investigation where every affected party is afforded a fair opportunity to present evidence, challenge allegations, and fully ventilate their respective positions.

For this reason, the PSA calls on the President of the Republic of South Africa to urgently extend the lifespan and, where necessary, broaden the mandate of the Madlanga Commission of Inquiry. This will enable the Commission to hear all relevant evidence arising from both the SAPS and the Department of Correctional Services, ensuring that no credible allegation remains unexplored.

A single, comprehensive inquiry will prevent fragmented investigations, promote transparency, strengthen public confidence in the Commission's work, and provide South Africans with a complete factual record of the extent of criminal infiltration and corruption within state institutions.

The PSA further calls on the National Prosecuting Authority, the Investigating Directorate Against Corruption, the Independent Police Investigative Directorate, and all other relevant oversight bodies to ensure that investigations are concluded without delay and that those found guilty through due legal process are prosecuted without fear, favour, or prejudice. Equally important, where allegations are found to be without merit, those wrongly implicated must be publicly vindicated. Justice demands both accountability for wrongdoing and fairness to those against whom allegations cannot be substantiated.

The continued uncertainty has severely affected the morale of thousands of honest public servants who continue to perform their constitutional duties with integrity despite operating under extremely difficult circumstances. South Africa's dedicated public servants deserve institutions that are free from corruption, political interference, intimidation, and criminal capture.



The PSA remains steadfast in its commitment to clean governance, ethical leadership, transparency, and accountability throughout the public service. The Union believes that extending the Madlanga Commission will demonstrate government's commitment to uncovering the truth, restoring public confidence, and ensuring that the rule of law prevails above all else.



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