

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA regards suspension of Deputy National Commissioner as a step towards restoring integrity in SA Police Service
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the decisive action taken by National Police Commissioner to suspend the Deputy National Commissioner for Crime Detection, Lieutenant-General Shadrack Sibiya, with immediate effect.

This suspension follows allegations that Lieutenant-General Sibiya interfered with the KwaZulu-Natal political killings task team, including attempts to disband the unit and withdraw case dockets without authorisation. The PSA views this development as a necessary step to protect the integrity of ongoing investigations and to restore public confidence in the South African Police Service (SAPS).

The PSA commends the leadership of the Commissioner for prioritising accountability and transparency in the face of mounting concerns about political interference in law enforcement. The PSA further acknowledges the Pretoria High Court's ruling, which upheld the legality and proportionality of the suspension, reinforcing the principle that no person is above the law.

The PSA calls for a swift and impartial investigation to ensure that justice is served, noting that many government departments have challenges in finalising investigations and disciplinary procedures on time, resulting in vast amounts in wasteful expenditure. This practice further violates the principle of discipline handling in the workplace, which provides that such must be prompt.

The PSA also reiterates the call for protection of whistle-blowers and investigators, especially those involved in politically sensitive cases. The PSA stands firmly behind all public servants who uphold the rule of law and serve with integrity. Eradicating misconduct at the highest levels of the SAPS is essential to safeguard the democracy and ensure justice for victims of political violence.

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