

<b>MEDIA RELEASE</b>	PSA welcomes Special Tribunal ruling against R85 Million border wall tender
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the ruling of the Special Tribunal setting aside the irregular R85 million tender awarded for the construction of a border wall, a decision that has been strongly supported by the Special Investigating Unit (SIU).

The ruling relates to a contract awarded to the ISF Shula Joint Venture for the construction of a concrete border barrier, where the SIU found that the tender was unlawfully awarded after the joint venture allegedly submitted fraudulent documentation, including a falsified B-BBEE certificate, and failed to comply with mandatory procurement requirements. The project was ultimately left incomplete, despite being motivated as an urgent intervention to curb cross-border crime such as the smuggling of hijacked and stolen vehicles into neighbouring countries. The PSA reiterates that corruption, maladministration, and the abuse of public resources directly undermines service delivery and places an unfair burden on public servants who are expected to operate within shrinking budgets and deteriorating infrastructure.

Funds meant to enhance public safety and protect communities are instead diverted through an unlawful process, with no tangible benefit to the public. This ruling sends a clear and powerful message that unlawful conduct in public procurement will not be tolerated and that accountability mechanisms can and must be enforced. The PSA commends the SIU for its continued efforts to investigate and expose corruption in both national and provincial departments and to pursue consequence management through the courts.

The PSA calls on all accounting officers and executive authorities to strengthen internal controls, ensure strict compliance with supply chain management regulations, and take decisive action against officials and service providers implicated in corrupt activities. Furthermore, the Union urges government to recover all losses suffered by the state as a result of this unlawful tender. The PSA remains committed to advocating for ethical governance, transparency, and the protection of public funds in the best interests of public servants and the communities they serve.

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