

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA welcomes withdrawal of charges against SAPS National Commissioner: Calls for restoration of public trust in Police
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) noted the formal withdrawal of corruption charges against suspended National Police Commissioner, General Fannie Masemola, by the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA).

This acquittal underscores the importance of protecting the rights of workers, including senior officials, against premature or politically motivated charges. The PSA, representing more than 250 000 public-sector employees, has consistently maintained that justice must be fair, impartial, and free from interference. The PSA remains extremely concerned about the manner in which this case was pursued and the reputational damage suffered by the General and the South African Police Service (SAPS). The PSA calls for scrutiny of Investigating Directorate Against Corruption (IDAC) processes to ensure that prosecutorial decisions are evidence-based and not driven by internal political battles. The withdrawal of charges should not be interpreted as a setback in the battle against corruption, but rather as a reminder that prosecutions must be grounded in solid evidence.

Public confidence was shaken by the case. Urgent steps are required to restore trust in the SAPS. The PSA urges government to strengthen oversight mechanisms to prevent similar controversies from undermining the credibility of law enforcement. The PSA calls on the President to provide clarity on the General's future role in the SAPS, given his suspension and subsequent acquittal. Stability in the SAPS leadership is critical to ensuring effective policing and service delivery to communities. The PSA is committed to defending the Union's members against unfair treatment whilst supporting anti-corruption efforts. Workers across the public service must be assured that disciplinary and criminal processes will be conducted fairly and without prejudice.

Politically motivated prosecutions erode morale, weaken institutions, and divert attention from the battle against corruption. The PSA calls on the NPA and IDAC to review their internal procedures to safeguard against miscarriages of justice. Transparency in prosecutorial decision-making is essential to rebuilding public trust in the justice system. The PSA is committed to integrity, fairness, and the defence of public servants and urges all stakeholders to prioritise stability, justice, and service delivery in the interest of South Africa.

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