

**KEYNOTE SPEECH BY NORTH WEST PREMIER, PROF TEBOGO JOB MOKGORO,  
AT THE DPCI STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SESSION HELD AT THE PHOKENG  
CONFERENCE CENTRE NEAR RUSTENBURG ON WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 2019**

Programme Director, Captain Sam Tselanyane

The DPCI Judge, Justice Frans Diale Kgomo

MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, Dr Mpho Motlhabane,

The Executive Mayor of the Rustenburg Local Municipality, Cllr Mpho Khunou,

The Representative of the South African Police Service,

The Representative of the Directorate for Priority Crimes Investigation,

The Representative of the Civilian Secretariat for Police,

The Provincial Chairperson of the Community Policing Forum, Mr Dixon

Ngamlane,

Representatives of the Private Security Industry Regulating Agency, Firearms

Appeal Board, The leadership of the Independent Police Investigative

Directorate,

Organised Labour,

Representatives of the Business Fraternity,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good day.

Let me, from the onset, thank Justice Frans Diale Kgomo, for extending an invitation to all stakeholders, including the North West Provincial Government

aimed at educating our people on the functions, powers and advantages of the Office of the DPCI Judge.

It is therefore my pleasure and privilege to be afforded an opportunity to speak to you; albeit that most of the invited speakers have already spoken to how their organisations would want to relate as well as work together the Office of the DPCI Judge in this province.

We, as the people and the government of the North West, are also ready to work hand-in-hand with the DPCI Judge; bearing in mind the fact that the Hawks have been hard at work conducting numerous investigations across a number of Provincial Government Departments and State Owned Entities belonging to the North West Provincial Government.

Justice Kgomo, you would do well to remember that our province descended into very chaotic and, at times, extremely violent public protests at the end April as well as in the beginning of May last year; wherein the people of the North West voiced their dissatisfaction with the kind of service that this government was delivering to them.

Their unhappiness translated into never-seen-before anger that spread like wildfire through the length and breadth of the province – leading to the destruction of private and public property as well as the unfortunate loss of life in some parts of our province.

After a few weeks of unrest, and following the intervention by national Cabinet in a quest to stabilize the province to be able to deliver quality services, allegations of rampant corruption, looting of state coffers, mismanagement of the fiscus as well as alleged total disregard for adherence to Supply Chain

Management regulations across the provincial administration and State Owned Entities dating back to around 2015 or so.

As a result of these allegations, law enforcement agencies including the Directorate for Priority Crimes Investigation, known as the Hawks, swooped on some of those institutions where allegations of corruption, mismanagement and looting of state funds were said to be the order of the day; and they confiscated physical and electronic documents to conduct further investigations.

May I mention that the Office of the Premier was not spared the raids by the Hawks and at the moment, we have received reports through the Inter-Ministerial Task Team and we have also given similar reports to the same masses that, last year, rose up against government demanding that we deliver better services and put an end to any rot that might have been affecting service delivery.

We provided the feedback on the progress made in the Hawks investigation during our State of the Province Address last month.

The Hawks are handling forty nine (49) cases involving theft, fraud and contraventions of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004, related to the North West Province.

The status of these cases is as follows as at February 2019:

- Ten cases are on the court roll for trial;
- Twenty one cases are pending decision by the National Prosecuting Authority;
- Fifteen cases are pending investigation;
- In three of the cases, the NPA declined to prosecute;

- **The total amount involved in these cases is R2,497 billion;**

Justice Kgomo, I am mentioning all these because our interaction with the Hawks remains a professional one, where there is no political interference from us to try and influence the direction of the investigations that are currently underway following the May 2018 raids in the North West.

However, we are pleased with the progress the Hawks have made thus far and we hope and believe that they will be reporting more progress on the cases so as to put our people at comfort that the Hawks are independently doing their work without any sort of interference; political or otherwise.

However, should any of the people of the North West Province be unhappy with the manner in which the Hawks might conduct themselves during the course of investigation and beyond, I will not hesitate to encourage them to report this conduct to your office with immediate effect.

In a nutshell, Justice Kgomo, in the North West Provincial Government, your Office has a capable and willing partner to ensure that the Hawks carry out their function within the prescripts of the law and without hindrance or otherwise from the powers that be while respect the rights of each and every citizen, suspects included.

We will be watching them; we shall be your eyes and ears in the North West Province and the vigilance that our people exude, should be reason enough for us to encourage compliance by all involved in the work of the Directorate for Priority Crimes Investigation.

I thank you.

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