

WILL THE HOUSE BE CLEAN?



South Africa stands at a crossroads. Across social media platforms, radio stations, courtrooms, and within the proceedings of the Madlanga Commission, the nation is confronting questions that many ordinary citizens have carried silently for years. Something has long felt broken within parts of the country’s institutions. Communities sensed it in failing services, in unanswered cries for justice, and in the growing fear that speaking out against corruption could come at a terrible cost.

For decades, many South Africans watched as whistleblowers, activists, investigators, and honest officials were threatened, silenced, or even killed. Those who attempted to expose wrongdoing often found themselves isolated, while powerful figures appeared untouchable. Fear became part of daily life. To challenge corruption was not merely to challenge a system — it was to risk becoming its next victim.

Yet truth has a stubborn nature. Like light breaking through cracks in a sealed room, it eventually finds a way out. Lies survive only as long as evidence remains buried. Once exposed, even the strongest walls begin to tremble.

The pain of this reality was deeply felt in Ekurhuleni, where a woman lost her life while attempting to reveal dangerous irregularities and alleged criminal networks tied to powerful interests. Her death became more than a tragedy; it became a symbol of the price some pay for demanding honesty in a society overwhelmed by secrecy and intimidation. Those benefiting from corruption could not see wisdom in her warnings, because corruption rarely listens to conscience when profit and power are at stake.

Now South Africa finds itself in an era of exposure. Court case

follows court case. Investigations continue to unfold. Testimonies once whispered in private are now spoken publicly. The nation appears to be going through a painful cleansing process — one that forces uncomfortable truths into the open.

For many citizens, this moment brings both anxiety and hope.

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Anxiety because the depth of corruption reveals how damaged certain systems may have become. Hope because exposure is often the first step toward healing. South Africans dream of waking up in a country where hospitals function with dignity, where schools prepare children for the future, where roads are repaired, and where public money serves the people rather than disappearing into the pockets of the corrupt.

The frustration of the public is not merely political; it is deeply human. People ask themselves: what kind of freedom exists when fear controls speech? What does liberation truly mean if citizens are too afraid to report wrongdoing? In many communities, silence has become a survival mechanism. Some remain quiet because they fear losing their jobs. Others fear violence. Some even choose to join corrupt systems because resistance appears dangerous and unrewarded.

In this environment, power often becomes a weapon. Those with influence can crush those without it. Justice feels distant when ordinary citizens believe that truth itself can become a death sentence.

These realities force South Africans to ask difficult questions about the meaning of unity and brotherhood after 1994. The dream of liberation was built on the belief that humanity, dignity, and equality would triumph over oppression. Yet corruption does not discriminate by race. Greed can divide brothers as easily as apartheid once divided communities. Money and power can destroy loyalty, morality, and compassion if left unchecked.

So the question remains: will the house be clean?

The answer may depend on whether South Africans are willing to move beyond slogans and confront corruption without fear or political loyalty. A clean house requires more than commissions, headlines, and court appearances. It requires courage from citizens, accountability from leaders, and a justice system strong enough to protect truth instead of punishing it.

South Africa's future may ultimately be decided not by those who hold power, but by whether ordinary people continue demanding a country that is fair, transparent, and safe for generations to come.

BOKWALEDI JWA SEPODISI BO SEKASEKA SEEMO SA BOPODISIKWS BOKONEBOPHIRIMA



Ka Salang Motsepe

Lefapha la Pabalesego ya Setšhaba le Tsamaiso ya Dipalangwa le amogetse ketelo ya go lekola e e dirilweng ke Lefapha la Bosetšhaba la Bokwaledi ba Setšhaba ba Tirelo ya Sepodisi kwa Porofenseng ya Bokone Bophirima mo bekeng eno.

Ka kakaretso, tiro ya go okamela e akaretse go lekola dikgato tsa taolo ya boleng, bokgoni jwa tiro le go sekaseka tiragatso kwa diteišeneng tsa mapodisi tse di nang le maemo a a kwa godimo tse di tlhagelelang mo lenaaneng la bosetšhaba la ba le 30, mmogo le tse di mo diradareng tsa porofense tse di lemogilweng di sa kgone go fokotsa dikgwetlho tsa bokebekwa ka tsela e e nang le mosola.

Mookamedi wa Lefapha, Molefi Morule, a re ditshupo di supa gore seemo sa bosenyi mo porofenseng se raraane e bile se na le dikarolo tse dintsi, se se supang go kopanngwa thata ga badiragatsi botlhe mo sethopheng sa Bosiamisi, Thibelo ya Bosenyi le Tshireletsego (JCPS), mmogo le ditlhopha tse dingwe.

"Porofense e tswelela go lebana le dikgwetlho tse di raraaneng le tse di farologaneng tsa

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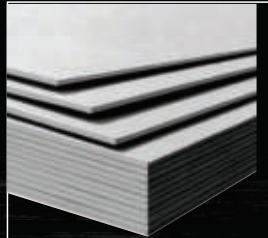
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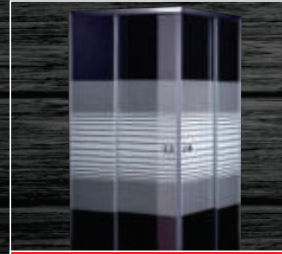
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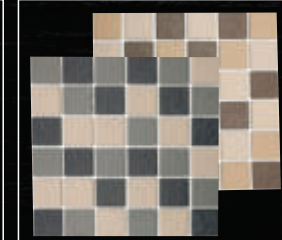
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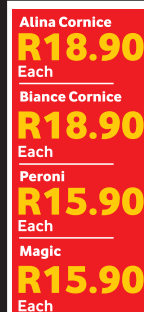
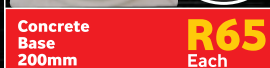
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sa bokebekwa, tse di tlotlhelediwang ke maemo a loago le ikonomi mmogo le ditiro tsa bokebekwa jo bo rulagantsweng, mme mabaka a magolo a a tlotlheletsang bokebekwa jo bo botlhokwa ke botlhokatiro, go nwa bojalwa le go dirisa dritibatsi le go dirisa ditlhobolo mo mabakeng a le mantsi."

Lefapha, jaaka setheo se se okametseng mapodisi, le setse le dirile kgatelopele mo go diragatseng Leano le le Kopanetsweng la go Thibela Bosenyi le Tirisodikgoka (ICVPS). Re lemogile tlhokego ya go akaretsa ba bangwe ba ba seng mo setlhopheng seno go fitlhelela diphetogo tse di nang le bokao tse di tla amang matshelo a batho ba re ba direlang", ga rialo HOD Morule.

Boemedi jwa bosetšhaba, bo patilwe ke lefapha, go fitlha ga jaana bo etetse dikantoro tsa mapodisi kwa Nietverdiend, Itsoseng, Sun City Skilpdhek Border Post le 10111 call centre kwa Mahikeng. Mokaedi-Kakaretso, Thulani Sibuyi, o gatelela botlhokwa jwa go ikarabela fa go tla mo ditirong tse di sa dirweng sentle ke sepodisi.

"Tlathlho ya rona ya bopodisi mo porofenseng ke go tlhomamisa mabaka a a bakang go sa dire sentle. Go tshwanetse ga nna le boikarabelo jo bo bonalang sentle, ka gonne maiteko a go dira jalo a amana le diteishene tsotlhe tse di nang le ditlapale. "

Tiro e tlhomilwe mo mekgweng ya bokebekwa e e tlhageletseng fa nako e ntse e tsamaya, e mapodisi a fitlhelang go le thata go e thibela le fa gone a na le didiriswa tse di oketsegileng.

"Dipholo tsa ketelo di tla thusa go tlhoma motheo wa dipuisano kwa MINMEC, go tlhomamisa gore go okediwe metswedi le go abelwa ga tekanyetsokabo, gammogo le go bona tsela e e tshwanang fa re kopanya diporofense tsotlhe ka ICVPS," go boletse DG SibuyiKetelo ya go lekola kwa dikantorong tsa mapodisi go ralala porofense e ne ya neela temogo e e botlhokwa mo dikgwetlhong tsa tiragatso, dikgoreletsi tsa go neelana ka ditirelo le mafelo a a tlhokang thuso ya ka bonako.

Diphitlhelelo tse di tla kaela tshegetso e e ikaegileng ka maikaelelo a a rileng le go netefatsa gore mapodisi a tlhomeletswe botoka go tsibogela ditlhokego tsa baagi le go lwantsha bosenyi ka tsela e e nonofileng.

MAPODISI A TSHWERE LEGODU LA DIKOLOI



Ka Salang Motsepe

Mapodisi a kwa Mpumalanga a ne a tshwara monna yo o belaelwang a kgwaetsa koloi ya modimo wa serori e e neng e begilwe e utswitswe kwa Porofenseng ya Bokone Bophirima.

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Fa koloi eno e sena go emisiwa le go dirwa dipatlisiso tsa ntlha, go ne ga lemogiwa gore koloi eno e ne e na le dinomoro poleiti le disiki tse e seng tsa mmatota, mme go ne ga begwa gore e utswilwe kwa Porofenseng ya Bokonebophirima.

Mokgweetsi wa dingwaga di le 39, yo e leng moagi wa Mozambique, o ne a tshwarwa mme a latofadiwa ka go kgwetsa koloi e go belaelwang gore e utswitswe.

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AVBOB FCJ Excellence Awards 2025 entry deadline extended

The Forum of Community Journalists (FCJ) and AVBOB have announced an extension to the deadline for entries for the 2026 AVBOB FCJ Annual Excellence Awards.

The new closing date for all entries is now Thursday, May 21 at 17:00.

The awards recognise and reward excellence in local and community print media across South Africa and are open to permanent and regular freelance editorial staff members. Regular freelance contributors are defined as individuals who contribute to a publication at least once a month on average.

The competition covers work published between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

The awards ceremony will take place on Friday, August 21, 2026, in Pretoria, where all finalists will be invited to attend the prestigious event. The FCJ's annual training seminar will also be hosted on the morning of the awards ceremony.

Entrants are encouraged to carefully read all entry instructions and category requirements before submitting. Entries that do not adhere to the rules and guidelines will be disqualified.

Electronic confirmation will be sent once entries are submitted through Google Forms. Should entrants not receive confirmation within 24 hours, they are urged to follow up with the judges' convenor.

No late entries will be accepted after the extended deadline.

The judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered in to. The judges also reserve the right not to make an award in categories if insufficient or non-meritorious entries are received.

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FORMER CELL TOWER TECHNICIAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE CRIMES

PRESS RELEASE
22 MAY 2026

Rouxville, Free State – The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) welcomes the sentence imposed by the Rouxville Regional Court against 42-year-old Sello Samuel Ditshaba following his conviction on charges relating to essential infrastructure crimes.

Ditshaba was convicted on two counts of damage to essential infrastructure and two counts of theft from infrastructure following a break-in at a cellphone tower near Rouxville in April 2025.

The tower served both MTN and Vodacom. During the incident, containers belonging to the two network providers were forcibly opened, and copper cables were stolen. At the time of the offence, no arrests were made as the perpetrators were unknown.

Members of the Local Criminal Record Centre (LCRC) attended the scene and successfully lifted fingerprint evidence. Subsequent forensic analysis linked the fingerprints to Ditshaba, who had previously been employed as a technician responsible for servicing cellphone towers.

Despite the evidence presented during the trial, the accused failed to explain the presence of his fingerprints at the crime scene. The matter subsequently proceeded to trial in the Regional Court.

During the trial, the prosecution, led by Prosecutor Keith Muller, argued extensively for a sentence that reflects the seriousness of crimes affecting essential infrastructure. The State emphasised that offences of this nature cripple critical infrastructure, negatively affect economic growth, and frustrate service delivery and development in the country.

On 07 May 2026, Ditshaba was convicted on all four counts. The court imposed a cumulative sentence of 50 years' imprisonment, with portions of the sentences ordered to run concurrently, resulting in an effective sentence of 20 years' direct imprisonment.

The NPA further commends the prosecution team, the investigative work conducted by SAPS, and the LCRC members whose forensic evidence proved crucial in securing the conviction, particularly in circumstances where no stolen property was recovered.

The NPA remains committed to ensuring that perpetrators of crimes targeting essential infrastructure are held accountable and that communities are protected from the devastating consequences of such offences.

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Without hesitation, the member proceeded to the suspect's house with the complainant, who managed to point out the suspect. The police officer questioned the suspect about the firearm and allegations, and he denied having a firearm.

When the officer searched the suspect, he found a 9mm pistol in his waist with serial number filed off. The firearm was found with five live rounds. Police Sergeant, who is attached to the Crime Prevention unit, noticed a language accent that he is not a South African citizen because he always responds in English.

A 25 year old man who said is a Zimbabwean national was arrested on the spot and taken to police station for detention. The Station Commander Brigadier Johannes Tau applauded a member for his bravery and dedication and managed to recover the firearm and ammunition. He said the member was so brave to approach a suspect while off duty and come out with an unlicensed firearm and detained the suspect.

"If it was another officer, he would have told the complainant to call the police to come and attend," said Tau. The firearm will be taken to a forensic laboratory for ballistic testing to determine if it was used in other crimes. The suspect will appear in the Temba magistrate court facing charges of possession of unlicensed firearm and ammunition.

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— 11th ANNUAL — VITA BASADI *Awards* 2026

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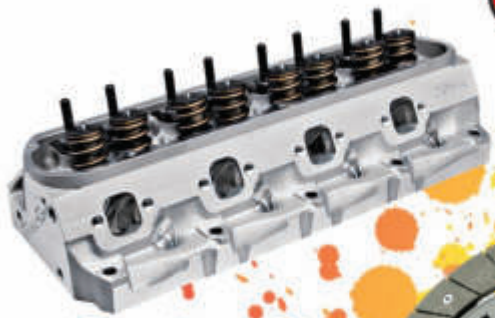
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