

**THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS
REGARDING EFFORTS OR ATTEMPTS TO STOP THE INVESTIGATION OR
PROSECUTION OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION CASES
(TRC CASES INQUIRY)**

HELD AT:

Sci-Bono Discovery Centre, Corner of Miriam Makeba & Helen Joseph Street
Newtown, Johannesburg

BEFORE:

COMMISSIONERS:

The Honourable Ms Justice Sisi Khampepe (Judge Ret.) – Chairperson
The Honourable Mr Justice Frans Diale Kgomo (Judge President Ret.)
Adv Andrea Gabriel (SC)

EVIDENCE LEADERS:

Adv Ishmael Semanya (SC)
Adv Vas Soni (SC)
Adv Fana Nalane (SC)
Adv Nompumelelo Seme
Ms Baitseng Rangata

REPRESENTATIVES

Adv Motlalepule Rantho (for SAPS)
Adv Ebenezer Propy (for SAPS)
Adv KD Moroka (SC) – DoJ representative
Adv Tlotlego Tsagae (DoJ representative)
Adv Gwala (SC) – NPA representative
Adv Yanela Ntloko – (NPA)
Adv T Masuku (SC) (for Adv Menzi Simelane)
Adv Vivian Rikhotso (for Adv Menzi Simelane)
Adv Varney (SC) – The Calata Group
Adv D Pillay – The Calata Group
Ms A Thakor – The Calata Group
Mr Sipho Tlhaole – The Calata Group
Adv Nwabisa Ntshizana (for Adv RC Macadam)
Mr Tabata (for Adv RC Macadam)
Mr Lutando Gcilitshana (for Adv RC Macadam)

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PROCEEDINGS ON 20 MARCH 2026

CHAIRPERSON: Mr Semenya?

ADV SEMENYA: Good morning, Chairperson and Commissioners. We were scheduled to hear the evidence of Mr Ackermann, but I am advised. Perhaps I should ask Mr Varney to explain to the commission what the status of that is.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes. Thank you, Mr Varney.

ADV VARNEY: As the chairperson pleases. There is a bit of an echo here. Shortly, before 9 AM we received a message from our
10 team in Cape Town to advise us that Mr Ackermann is feeling unwell, dizzy and lightheaded and we suggested that the matter stand down. We asked for how long he needed; and the response was that he needed to stand down for the day.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes, he is not well.

ADV VARNEY: He is not well.

CHAIRPERSON: What has been the arrangement with your brothers and sisters?

ADV VARNEY: In terms of arranging another day?

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

20 ADV VARNEY: We have not been able to discuss that as yet. We would need to confer with the evidence leaders to see when he might be able to return.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes. Ms Moroka?

ADV MOROKA: In the light of what we have been told, Chair, I submit there is nothing we can do, except to make other

arrangements as to another day.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes. Ms Rantho?

ADV RANTHO: The position is the same with us, Commissioners.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes, Ms Ntloko?

ADV NTLOKO: Thank you, Commissioner, the same position as well for the NPA.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes, Mr Masuku?

ADV MASUKU: I would accept the same as the others.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes. Mr Bruinders?

10 ADV BRUINDERS: No objection.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes. Well, in the circumstances, we have to postpone this matter to a date yet to be determined in view of the fact that Adv Ackermann is not well. Mr Semenya, you will arrange a date, agree with the other parties and then advise the commission on the next date for the cross-examination of Adv Ackermann.

ADV SEMENYA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes. That seems to be the end of the proceedings for the day. We will then adjourn these proceedings to 31 March when the evidence of Adv Simelane will be heard. Am I correct, Mr

20 Masuku?

ADV MASUKU: It is on the schedule. Yes, that is correct.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes, yes. These proceedings are then adjourned to 31 March at 10 o'clock. We are adjourned.

INQUIRY ADJOURNS TO 31 MARCH 2026

CERTIFICATE OF VERACITY

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that **as far as it is audible**, the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the digitally recorded proceedings in the matter of:

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