



EFF STATEMENT ON THE ARREST OF NGCEBO THUSI, BLUE BULLS RUGBY PLAYER FOR THE BRUTAL MURDER OF NTOKOZO XABA

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) is again appalled that a young woman was brutally murdered. This time, it is Ntokozo Mayenzi Xaba whose ex-boyfriend, Ngcebo Thusi is accused of her brutal murder.

Ms. Xaba was found murdered in her student residential room in Ekhaya Junction at the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT). Ngcebo Thusi, a Blue Bulls rugby player has subsequently been arrested as a suspect for the murder of Ms. Xaba and is yet to appear in court.

Ms. Xaba, prior to existing the romantic relationship with Thusi, had reported to the police that she lives in fear due to the abuse she faces from Thusi. Expectedly, Ms. Xaba like thousands other victims was turned back with the case not having been pursued. The EFF has on many occasions alerted the complicity of the government in such cases where brutality was avoidable but the policing and justice systems collaboratively failed victims who sought refuge from these departments.

The ANC Government, has made it clear that it simply will not dismantle systemic patriarchy that is the root cause of the murders, rape and abuse of women, children and gender-diverse people. As the result, the governing party, for the past 29-years has sponsored the murders, rape, trafficking and abuse of women and children.

Additionally, the ANC embedded hatred of women and children is glaringly evident as it starts in the highest court of our land. Justice Raymond Zondo, South Africa's current Chief Justice refused to remove the charged paedophile Paul Kennedy from the State Capture Commission as a senior counsel. Paul Kennedy, while serving as a senior counsel to the State Capture, was arrested on 740 charges related to operating a child sex ring. The charges included child rape, attempted murder, child pornography and trafficking. Kennedy was then found dead in his home in the year 2022 a few days before he was due to appear in court.

Zondo essentially told South Africans, 'so what to the 740 paedophile charges, Kennedy is a white man'. Now, if the Chief Justice of South Africa, Raymond Zondo protects, and pays millions of our tax money to a charged child sex ring king pin then here is only hopelessness in our entire justice system. Justice is an essential tool to eradicate the insurmountable violence that our women and children are subjected to daily.

The President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa then appoints this very Zondo as a Chief Justice despite the fact that he was not recommended by the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) and Zondo's cosiness with a charged child sex ring king pin - this is a thundering voice of hatred for women and children.

No sound citizen of any country should give such a political party a minute more to govern. Ms. Xaba's family mourns today because misogynistic men have free reign to do as they please to women and children without facing any consequence. Injustice has indeed become the law! It is now the duty of every South African to fight ourselves out of the pits of hell. The first stop is that the ANC, led by Cyril Ramaphosa must be removed – he has continuously promised to strengthen efforts to prevent femicide, instead he renders immaculate failure every day and one life at a time.

The EFF will monitor the investigations and court proceedings. We offer unsolicited solidarity to the family of Ntokozo Xaba.

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