



EFF STATEMENT ON THE HIGH COURT GRANTING BAIL TO MURDER ACCUSED ANC MP SIBUSISO KULA

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) is appalled that the High Court, North West Division granted bail to the murder accused, ANC Member of Parliament (MP) Sibusiso Kula. Kula is accused of stabbing his wife, Jennifer Mohlomi to death at their home in November 2022. He then orchestrated that it appeared as a house robbery.

In January 2023, the Orkney Magistrate's Court in North West correctly denied Kula bail based on murder threats he made to his children. Yesterday, Kula was granted bail in the High Court by Judge Andre Petersen.

Judge Petersen's disregard of the high prevalence of femicide in South Africa coupled with the fact that Kula threatened to murder his children and that he is a MP is dismaying. It also sends a message to all women in South Africa that those mandated to implement justice are generally the enablers and doers of injustice.

It stands to reason why a significant number of women who are raped and abused by men decide to abandon the entire criminal justice system. If it is not the South African Police Service (SAPS) failures in processing cases, it is the National Prosecuting Agency (NPA) failures to adequately prosecute. If it is not the courts dishing out injustices, then it is Correctional Services aiding prisoners to run businesses and escaping.

To add to the injustices, the Parliament of South Africa has failed to remove Kula as MP. Since his arrest on murder charges, tax payers continue paying his salary to date. The Speaker of Parliament has failed to exercise her powers to have Kula

removed. Instead, she abuses her powers in plenary by calling in male thugs who sexually assault women MPs.

It comes as no shock that the ANC caucus in Parliament has again showed its disdain for women. Kula still occupies an ANC parliamentary seat. Recently, ANC MPs voted against Parliament holding Cyril Ramaphosa accountable for the crimes at his Phala Phala farm. His crimes include the torture of a woman domestic worker.

Jennifer Mohlomi reported to Luthuli House that Kula was a perpetual abuser, but the ANC decided that Kula was worthy of a reward as an ANC MP. The ANC failed to protect its member, Mohlomi. This is another clear message to women in South Africa that they are indeed hated.

The EFF will continue to apply pressure to Parliament to remove Sibusiso Kula as a MP. We will monitor court proceedings and provide support to the children and family.

SAPS must provide all the necessary protection to the children and family members who Kula threatened to murder

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