



MEDIA STATEMENT

EFF STATEMENT ON THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS OF NEW CHIEF JUSTICE

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) outrightly rejects the composition of the panel that screens and interviews the successor to the outgoing Chief Justice, Mogeong Mogeong whose term ends on the 11th October 2021.

What would appear as an unprecedented noble call for public participation is now marred by the inclusion of questionable characters that Ramaphosa, has chosen to preside over the shortlisting process.

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) is the sole institution for the selection process of judicial officers and at most, Ramaphosa could have deferred to that body.

His choice of those in close proximity to the Stellenbosch mafia and apologist of White Monopoly Capital for the selection team is a clear indication that funders of his ascendancy to the high office will capture the judiciary, by proxy.

All senior judicial officer aspirants have subjected themselves to the rigorous and robust process at the JSC. This incoming Chief Justice cannot be an exception should Ramaphosa make this selection process a public participation.

The composition of the panel smacks of nepotism and disbursing of patronage for a predetermined outcome.

The EFF calls on those in the panel who still have an iota of conscience, to whisper to their nominator, Ramaphosa, the glaring thuggery in the choice of the selection committee and should refuse to be complicit.

Ramaphosa has predetermined the process and defeated the very same purpose of public participatory process he profusely exhibit pretentiously.

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