



EFF STATEMENT ON NONSENSICAL REPORTS REGARDING THE RELEASE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF INTELLIGENCE REPORT INTO THE ROGUE UNIT LED BY PRAVIN GORDHAN

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) has noted the ridiculous and desperate media frenzy, initiated by ill-informed establishment journalists and media houses, with regards to the release and sharing of the Inspector General of Intelligence Report into the SARS Rogue Unit with the Public Protector.

In a testament to their illiteracy and their thirst to attack the enemies of Pravin Gordhan, hired guns who call themselves journalists have sought to criminalise the EFF Deputy President Floyd Shivambu, for sharing an intelligence report that was part of the public record and readily available to the public since 2019.

The report, which Pravin Jamnandas Gordhan tried to have removed from court papers was publicly available and could be shared with anyone by the EFF as part of the court record. This was after the Equality Court dismissed Gordhan's attempt to have it removed from the court record in 2019.

Accordingly, it was the EFF that shared the report not only on our social media platforms, but on the EFF website, where it has been available since 30 September 2019.

Illiterate hired guns who parade themselves as law experts such as Karyn Maughn, while they have no legal background, will not know this, because their role in the journalistic world is to pursue vendetta's. Publications with journalists such as the condom-collecting Marriane Thamm, and a publication that bribes people to write harmful opinion pieces such as the Daily Maverick, will never conduct their due diligence before writing negatively about the EFF and its leadership.

The EFF maintains that the SARS Rogue Unit, established by Pravin Gordhan to intercept communication and pursue the political enemies of the regime existed and this has never been disputed even by Gordhan himself.

It was at the Zondo Commission where Gordhan conceded to the existence of a "special intelligence unit" within SARS, for which he sought funding from Trevor Manuel. This unit was not established in accordance with the Constitution or by way of legislation through the

President, meaning the intelligence capacity within SARS was rogue. That the popular media has attempted to bury this objective reality, will not make it untrue. Furthermore, there has been no legal dispute of the findings of the Sikhakhane Report, which made damning findings on the existence of the Rogue Unit and its covert activities.

The EFF will never tire in its quest for accountability and transparency. The regime of Cyril Ramaphosa will utilise all methods to attempt to discredit the leadership of the EFF, in light of the Phala Phala saga and Ramaphosa's criminality. This includes sponsoring gullible people such as witnesses in the witch-hunt against the Public Protector, to make claims which serve no purpose but to vilify people who are advocates of accountability.

We will not retreat nor surrender, let us all intensify the program to hold Ramaphosa accountable and not be distracted by illiterate, hired-guns of the establishment.

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