



EFF STATEMENT ON THE ALLEGATIONS OF RAPE AND KIDNAPPING AGAINST THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS NJABULO NZUZA

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) is appalled by the allegations of rape and kidnapping against the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Njabulo Nzuza, which occurred on the 14th of December 2022 at an official state residence in Kenilworth, Cape Town.

In a report which was only made public months following the incident, it is reported that three women visited the Minister's official residence in Kenilworth, Cape Town. It was at this residence in Kenilworth, that one of the women was raped and has subsequently gone missing.

In light of this, Nzuza is further accused of bribing the victim's two friends, with R150 000 for their silence.

This incident occurred barely a week after the closing of the Observation of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Against Women and Children.

The scope and prevalence of rape and abuse that is plaguing South Africa remains exasperating as the ANC Government is the official talk shop against horrendous crimes men commit against women and children. We know this to be true as men who are politically connected go unpunished for their crimes against women.

In fact, the politically connected are rewarded with lucrative positions or kept in office with the knowledge that their victims were silenced.

After decades of international campaigning for abused women to ‘break the silence’ and report rape and abuse, misogynists are running amok weaponizing the undisputed corrupt and failing justice system. Furthermore, misogynists and their apologists also flex with bribery, intimidation, human trafficking and even murder to silence their victims.

Just recently, the official crime statistics for the third quarter of the 2022/23 financial year, indicated increases in sexual offences in our country as there were 12 419 cases of reported rapes in the country, with 5 935 reported rapes having occurred at the residence of the perpetrator or victim.

A decent Deputy Minister who is alive to the horrors that women live with daily, on his own accord, would have resigned immediately. Instead, state-enabled misogyny and incompetence has Nzuza remain a Deputy Minister.

The EFF calls for Nzuza’s resignation and for his President, who has enabled rampant Gender Based Violence even at the highest levels of the state to follow him.

Patriarchy and misogyny is institutionalized in South Africa, hence the prevalence of violence that men commit against women. We must all take a stand on the 20th of March 2023 and call for Ramaphosa who has failed to curb it, to leave office.

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