

Athens, 11/04/2019

Attention: Mr Peter Pedlar, the Acting Secretary of the Zondo Commission.

Dear Sir/Madame

Our legal firm is representing Mr. Aris Danikas, a Greek /South African Citizen living in exile in Greece since 2008 out of concerns for his safety.

Our client is a crucial State witness for the NPA, on a pending criminal case in South Africa, against Mr. Booysen, Case No: 2008/8872. Our client served as a volunteer police officer, (police reservist), from 1999 to 2008, in KZN Durban.

An MLA request was sent to the justice department in Greece by the relevant South Africa authorities, on the 24th October 2016, after our client was interviewed repeatedly, at the South African embassy of Greece, by senior government officials, between 2012 to 2016.

A translated copy of the above MLA statement was sent to our office, by the South African Authorities on November 2018.

During the recent Mokgoro Enquiry, criminally accused number one, Mr. Booysen, was invited to give evidences under oath.

Regrettably Mr. Booysen proceeded to implicate our clients name in various false and defamatory allegations, by deliberately belittling Mr. Danikas character and integrity, without even introducing any supporting evidence. Mr. Danikas denies all allegations against his character stated under oath by Mr. Booysen at the Mokgoro Enquiry.

We feel that our clients basic legal and human rights were violated due to the above incident, as he was never given the opportunity by the Mokgoro Enquiry to reply, neither cross examine Mr. Booysen.

Clearly Mr. Booysen attempted to "character assassinate" Mr. Danikas, in order to discredit him as a witness for the prosecution.

It is our intention to protect our client from a continuous repeat of violation of his legal and human rights, as we feel happened with the Mongoro Enquiry previously, where Mr. Booysen could freely and on national tv, propagate defamatory and false allegations against Mr. Danikas, while our client was never given the opportunity to defend himself.

Mr. Danikas strongly feels that Mr. Booysen committed perjury on the Mongoro Enquiry and lied under oath, in connection with the numerus false allegations he introduced against our client to the Mokgoro Enquiry. Mr. Danikas has evidence in support of such claim. An email of our protest was sent to the Mokgoro Enquiry during February 2019, shortly after we discovered Mr. Booysen defamatory testimony to the Mokgoro Enquiry in respect to our client, Mr. Danikas.

It is evidently by media reports, that Mr. Booyesen will be testifying at the Zondo Commission next week, Monday. We would like to point out to the Commission, the rules of the Government Gazette, section 3, page 4 of the rules:

“3. Witnesses presented by the Commission’s Legal Team and implicated persons and their evidence “, as well as of Subclause 3,3 (implicated person).

In conclusion, we strongly feel that in accordance with the Rules of this Commission, should Mr. Booyesen or any other witness for that matter ,intend to implicate our client, Mr. Danikas on any of their witness testimony, during the Zondo Commission Enquiry, a written notification should be sent to our offices in advance, by this Commission, as well as provide reasonable time to Mr. Danikas legal team, to reply to future allegations implicating his name.

Sincerely

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