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Circumstances surrounding the death of Lieutenant General Sindile Mfazi (“Pitso”)

Rejection of Phalaphala disinformation and exposure of the true timeline

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PRETORIA - For some time, I have endured the sickening murmurs of deeply disturbing allegations surrounding the tragic passing of my best friend, Pitso. Initially led to believe his death was due to COVID-19, I was utterly shocked to learn of allegations pointing to a far more sinister possibility: that he was murdered.

I have lived with immense agitation, torment, and worry, hoping for a formal police investigation where those of us with fragments of information could finally speak. Until now, I felt hamstrung and trapped in a complex emotional knot between personal loyalty and professional ethics. I chose not to engage public agitators out of a desire to protect deeply personal matters.

Now that there are those who have decided to deploy digital assassins to hijack Pitso's memory and inflict a public spectacle upon his two young sons, my silence ends. I am placing the unvarnished facts firmly on the record:

1. I Demand a Murder Investigation for My Best Friend

Pitso was my best friend, not a political pawn. His death struck me as a devastating blow. I demand nothing less than a rigorous, uncompromised, and formal criminal investigation into the allegations that Pitso was murdered. I stand fully prepared to cooperate with and assist law enforcement to ensure that if foul play occurred, those responsible are hunted down and brought to justice.

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2. Absolute Rejection of Phalaphala and Ramaphosa Smear Campaigns

The sensationalist claims suggesting I had political links to President Ramaphosa, or any role in the alleged disappearance of Phalaphala investigation files from Pitso's possession, are absolute fabrications.

Zero Knowledge of Files: I have never had any knowledge that Pitso was investigating Phalaphala or that he held any documents related to it. If such files ever existed, I never saw them.

I Loathe the Criminality: I utterly loathe and despise the criminality alleged to have been committed by any actor involved in the Phalaphala saga.

No Brief for the Presidency: I hold absolutely no brief for President Ramaphosa or any individual associated with the Phalaphala debacle. I completely reject any sickening attempt to link my name to the alleged sordid actions.

The Record of My Employment: While I served in the Presidency between 2018 and 2023, I was explicitly deployed as the Special Advisor in the Deputy President's office (under Deputy President DD Mabuza). I have never worked for President Ramaphosa.

My plea is for a thorough investigation to ruthlessly tear open what happened, strip these actions of political protection, expose them to the bone, and bury the guilty under the full weight of the law. Let me be unmistakably clear: anyone honestly and aggressively investigating the death of Pitso is a friend to me, but anyone deliberately diverting investigative resources away from the real suspects is, in my eyes, completely complicit.

3. The Pretoria Timeline: Malindi, Felicia, Steve and Luyolo

I want to be categorically clear: I did not set foot inside Pitso's Pretoria house where he died during this entire period. The narrative that I cleared out his residence is a blatant, orchestrated lie.

I know exactly who stripped Pitso's house, under whose orders they operated, and exactly where his property went:

The Packing Crew: Pitso's estranged wife, Malindi, specifically tasked three individuals—Felicia, Steve, and Luyolo—to pack up Pitso's Pretoria house and deliver everything to her in East London.

The Interception of Property: Under Malindi's direct orders, Felicia, Steve, and Luyolo loaded Pitso's black Mercedes-Benz bus. Steve, accompanied by Luyolo, then drove that bus straight to Malindi in East London, handing over the vehicle and its entire contents directly to her. Any documents Pitso possessed would have been packed into that specific bus and delivered to Malindi. That is exactly where investigators must probe.

The Distress Call: My sole involvement that day was responding to a distress call from Steve. He contacted me for help, explaining that he was being placed under intense, disgusting pressure by Malindi to drive Luyolo to the Polo factory shops en-route to East London—using a bus filled with a deceased man's belongings just to buy Luyolo clothes. Steve explicitly told me he felt this behaviour was entirely vile and indecent. He begged me to prevail on Malindi and Luyolo to abandon their disrespectful frolic. I was there to protect and support a bullied, conflicted individual—not to manipulate evidence.

Conclusion

This is a desperate, calculated smear campaign designed to use the tragic death of my closest friend as a weapon of political expedience and distraction.

I have already launched aggressive legal action against specific social media platforms and the coward digital assassins who masquerade under fake identities to peddle these defamatory falsehoods. I know exactly who you are. See you in court.

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