

IN THE EQUALITY COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA  
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Case No:

In the matter between

<b>SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL EDITORS FORUM</b>	First complainant
<b>NAVARANJENI MUNUSAMY</b>	Second complainant
<b>PAULI VAN WYK</b>	Third complainant
<b>ADRIAAN JURGENS BASSON</b>	Fourth complainant
<b>MAX DU PREEZ</b>	Fifth complainant
<b>BARRY BATEMAN</b>	Sixth complainant
and	
<b>THE ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS</b>	First respondent
<b>JULIUS MALEMA</b>	Second respondent

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**SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT:  
ADRIAAN JURGENS BASSON**

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I, the undersigned,

**ADRIAAN JURGENS BASSON**

state the following under oath:

1. I am a major male editor employed at Media 24 (Pty) Ltd, Media24 Centre, 40 Heerengracht Avenue, Cape Town. I am the fourth complainant in this matter.
2. The facts contained in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge, and are, to the best of my belief, both true and correct.
3. I have read the founding affidavit of Mahlatse Mahlase, on behalf of the first complainant in this matter, and confirm its contents in so far as it relates to me and to journalists generally. I align myself with the complaint and support the relief sought.
4. I hereby authorise Mahlatse Mahlase, the first complainant in this matter, to sign Form 2 in terms of section 20 of the Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act 4 of 2000 on my behalf.

#### **Background facts**

5. I am the editor-in-chief of News24, a news website owned and published by Media24 (Pty) Ltd, and treasurer of the South African National Editors' Forum (Sanef), the first complainant. Before that, I was employed as the editor of Netwerk24, an Afrikaans news platform.
6. I have a BA Social Dynamics degree from Stellenbosch University and an honours degree in African Politics from the University of South Africa. I have been involved in journalism for approximately 15 years. I have held, among others, the post of crime reporter, investigative journalist, and associate editor in charge of investigations. I have also been an editor-in-chief at various publications.

7. As a reporter and editor I have often been the subject of robust criticism by Mr Julius Malema, the second respondent. However, recently, his criticism has escalated to hate speech and has led to a barrage of abuse and intimidation by his supporters. The genesis of this is certain press conferences that Mr Malema and the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) have held since 5 July 2018, where Mr Malema accused journalists of being "politicians" or "political parties" or having some sort of stake in politics.

**Attacks on journalists and on me**

8. During the press conference on 5 July 2018, Mr Malema said the following:
- 8.1. *"You know you have a list of journalists like Ranjeni, like Ferial, like Max du Preez, like Peter Bruce, who have organised themselves into a mob – and Karima Brown – and attack everyone who doesn't agree with Ramaphosa."*
- 8.2. *"Ferial writes, she descends into the arena, [and] writes all sorts of nonsense. When she finished she calls and asks for an interview, and then you want us to have an interview with such a person who descends into the arena. You want us to have such a person in our press conference."*
- 8.3. *"Journalists, once they take sides, are politicians. They must be treated as politicians. The same way we treat Malusi Gigaba, the same way we treat Mbalula, the same way we treat Zizi Kodwa, is the same way we will treat journalists who descend into the arena."*

- 8.4. The persons referred to by Mr Malema are all journalists who write columns about news and current affairs, opinion pieces or host talk shows. Ferial Haffajee and Max du Preez, the fifth complainant, both write columns for Media24 (Pty) Ltd, and are not news reporters in the traditional sense.
9. During the press conference on 16 October 2018, Mr Malema said the following:
- 9.1. *"So Pravin and the mob- Ferial [Haffajee] is here – hai – are they angry. Because Ferial and them, their line was that [Nhlanhla] Nene isn't going anywhere. Ferial, honestly defending a person who has lied and as if lying to a journalist it makes it better. We can't allow that. So they were very angry when Nene left."*
- 9.2. *"You know what they did, Adriaan Basson, instead of announcing that Nene had left, Adriaan Basson went to NPA and asked where is that decision of Malema, you said you were going to take a decision in August whether you are recharging him or not. His tweet following Nene's resignation is that NPA has not yet taken a decision to charge Malema. That was his response to Nene. Instead of Adriaan writing a comprehensive story about Nene, no he goes to ask about Malema's charges."*
- 9.3. *"That's why I'm saying the 1652 mob can never determine the destiny of the EFF. The 1652 mob is the mob that wants to continue the interest of colonialism and we are not going to allow that. So they've got no role, the 1652 mob will be defeated I can tell you that."*

10. On 20 November 2018, Mr Malema addressed a crowd of EFF supporters outside the Zondo Commission of Inquiry. His statements made on 20 November 2018 have already been canvassed in Ms Mahlase's founding affidavit and will not be repeated here for the sake of brevity.
11. On 22 November 2018, I published a column entitled "Who's the real bastard, Mr Malema?" In the column I was critical of Mr Malema's attacks on journalists and the fact that he singled out journalists that he claimed, among other things, belonged to a so-called "Ramaphosa Defence Force" (annexure "AB1").
12. On 24 November 2018 Sanef held its council meeting and resolved to urgently meet with the EFF following threats made to journalists.
13. Sanef tweeted its resolutions on its official @SAEditorsForum Twitter account. In response to Sanef's tweet about the proposed meeting with the EFF, Mr Malema tweeted "I'm prepared to meet you on condition you don't bring racist things like this white young boy called @AdriaanBasson" (annexure "AB2").
14. I am deeply offended by Mr Malema's defamatory statement that I am a "racist thing". I don't know why Mr Malema called me that but I assume it is because of my column published two days earlier in which I had criticised him.
15. Sanef insisted that I participate in the delegation that planned to meet the EFF, but the party ultimately refused to meet with us, saying publicly that they were "too busy".
16. On 30 November 2018, I posted a further column on twitter, in which I argued that I had previously enjoyed a working relationship with Mr Malema. In my column I wrote that he had no problem with my whiteness then and that his

about-turn was brought about by the fact that new corruption allegations against him had surfaced ("annexure AB3").

17. This led to a torrent of threatening, abusive and harmful messages about me, as well as other journalists, on Twitter (annexures "AB4" to "AB24"). Much of what was said constitutes hate speech. In the tweets, one Twitter user calls for "propaganda media houses to be burnt down" (AB4). I am referred to as a "racist Afrikaner boy" (AB5), a "bitch" (AB6), a "racist Nazi" (AB7), and a "bastard" (AB8). One tweet said that the proposed Sanef meeting should be in public so that the media could be "dealt with directly" (AB9). Another Twitter user, in response to a video posted on Twitter that purported to show members of the EFF assaulting a person, wrote: "I hope you are watching. We have no time for racist scumbags and settlers." (AB10).

18. In respect of the aforementioned tweets or annexures I would like to draw the Court's attention to the following:

- 18.1. Mr Malema's and the EFF's supporters use the same terms, such as "politician", and make the same accusations, such as that journalists have "entered political space" (annexures "AB8", "AB20", "AB22", "AB24"), as he has done.

- 18.2. Mr Malema's and the EFF's supporters use the same references, such as "stratcom" and "cabal" and references to "Pravin defenders" (annexures "AB19", "AB21", "AB23"), that he has used to describe journalists.

19. On 11 December 2018, an EFF supporter (@tsk\_tsheko) posted on Twitter that I should be killed. The tweet, referring to a video clip in which Mr Andile Mngxitama (the leader of Black First Land First) called for white people to be killed, read as follows (annexure "AB25"):

*"But for the first time I agree with him [Mngxitama], we must slaughter these white animals if they kill black Africans, actually we must come up with action to kill white people like you @AdriaanBasson"*

20. I intend to lay criminal charges in respect of this tweet. I recognise that the EFF and Mr Malema are not the genesis of this particular tweet, but I submit that the tweet is illustrative of how EFF supporters are likely to react in the context of a sustained verbal attack on journalists.
21. I am reminded of the EFF supporters who vandalised several H&M stores on 13 January 2018 after the EFF leadership had condemned an H&M advert depicting a young black child in a sweater bearing the logo "Coolest Monkey in the Jungle". The condemnation by the EFF, whether intended or not, was interpreted as a call to action by EFF supporters.

#### **Consequences of the attacks**

22. It is clear that Mr Malema's statements are creating an enabling environment for his and the EFF's supporters to threaten, intimidate and even physically assault journalists. His influence is evidenced by the fact that his supporters are using exactly the same language that he uses against journalists.
23. After Ms Navaranjeni Munusamy, the second complainant, was accosted by three men, I have been more careful in my public movements. I have become



worried about my safety and the safety of my family. Ms Munusamy was accosted after Mr Malema singled her out at the Zondo Commission, as set out in her supporting affidavit.

24. Ferial Haffajee, Max du Preez and I do not usually write articles as reporters in the traditional sense. Instead, we write news commentary, analysis and opinion. Mr Malema and the EFF appear to ignore the fact that a journalist has the right to freedom of expression and may express opinions on a variety of subjects. To the extent that our opinions may violate Mr Malema's and the EFF's rights, they have recourse through the South Africa Press Code, as well as the law of defamation.
25. I do not mind being criticised, even harshly so, but Mr Malema's inflammatory comments are clearly creating a climate that encourages attacks on me and other journalists. While a journalist can reasonably be expected to have a thick skin, the scale, extent and abusiveness of the commentary I have had to endure has been overwhelming and has caused me to be very fearful for my physical safety.
26. As an editor, I am equally worried about the impact that Mr Malema's comments may be having on young journalists who attend his press conferences and his political party events. It is likely that they may fear to ask critical questions of the party when they see the viciousness of his attacks on senior journalists.
27. This is likely to have a chilling effect on a younger generation of journalists, which in turn will fundamentally undermine the right to freedom of expression, including the freedom of the press and other media.



## Conclusion

28. I submit that Mr Malema's statements, and those of other senior EFF leaders, are inflammatory, abusive and threaten to cause harm to me and other media colleagues in order to stop us from doing our work. The result of these actions has had a significant impact on me.
29. In the premises, I ask this Court to grant the relief set out in the Form to which this affidavit is annexed.



DEPONENT

I certify that the deponent:

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- (b) that he has no objection to taking the prescribed oath, that he considers the oath binding on his conscience and has in due form sworn that the contents of this declaration are true and has signed the same.

Before me at SEA POINT on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018




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## Who is the real bastard, Mr Malema?

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The Collins dictionary defines the word "bastard" as follows: "[A]n insulting word which some people use about a person, especially a man, who has behaved very badly."

This week Julius Malema, the leader of the Economic Freedom Fighters, used the word to describe Advocate Paul Peterius SC, evidence leader for the Zondo commission into state capture, during his derisive outside the commission's hearings in Johannesburg.

During the same speech, Malema called Minister Pravin Gordhan a "dog", racist and corrupt, singled out journalists by name who, according to him, belonged to the "Kamaphosa Defence Force" and should be dealt with "decisively" by EFF supporters, and warned of "casualties" and a "loss of lives" in their fight with Gordhan.

Malema further made serious defamatory claims against Gordhan and his family, including that his daughter Anisha was benefitting from tenders and that Pravin Gordhan had a secret bank account in Canada into which bribes are paid.

Malema did not provide any evidence to back up his claims.

Gordhan has denied the Canada claims and News24 independently investigated Anisha Gordhan's involvement as a non-executive director in companies doing business with government and found no proof that she was remunerated.

The true reason for Malema's erratic outburst would emerge 24 hours later when the Daily Maverick published an exposé that revealed Malema and the EFF were benefitting from money deposited by poor South Africans and municipalities into VBS Mutual Bank.

The story revealed how Malema and his "militant" party allegedly received money for the EFF's birthday celebrations and to pay off a Sandton house Malema lived in with VBS money, funneled through the business accounts of Malema's cousin and Floyd Shiwambu's brother.

If these allegations are proven in a court of law, Malema could go to jail for money laundering and benefitting from the proceeds of crime, among other offences.

Malema and Shiwambu deny wrongdoing but have not put up an explanation for the money flows revealed by Daily Maverick.

So why the attacks on Gordhan, Pretorius and a string of journalists?

Malema knows for the EFF to improve its size of the vote in next year's election from the 1.2 million votes it received in 2014, the party has to be seen as the champion of anti-corruption.



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Zuma and the Gupta clan: the DA brought numerous cases to the courts and the Public Protector that led to real action being taken. The EFF led the Mxoliso case, that led to a finding by the Constitutional Court that Zuma broke his oath of office.

How ironic that the same bank – VBS Mutual – that ultimately agreed to pay Zuma's bond for Mxoliso, is now at the centre of the spectacular unravelling of the EFF.

Since the swearing-in of Cyril Ramaphosa as president, Maluma and his party have been on the backfoot, not quite knowing where or how to attack the "new dawn" ANC. The DA has jousted on any sniff of a scandal emerging from the governing party, like Ramaphosa's foolish acceptance of campaign money from corruption implicated Bussas.

The EFF has made Gordhan – the prime bulwark against full-scale looting by the Zuptes – their main target. Anyone else who dares to criticize them is fair game.

Maluma has lost his short-lived shine as an energetic force against rent-seeking and corruption and is throwing mud at anyone to divert attention from his own sins, of which there are plenty.

Apart from the untidying VBS scandal, the MPA is expected to announce soon whether he will again face charges of corruption, fraud and money-laundering for benefitting from crooked Limpopo road tenders through his family trust. The police must decide whether to charge him for shooting with a semi-automatic weapon from the stage of an EFF rally.

I was part of the reporting team that revealed how his Rotenberg Family Trust benefited from On-Pylon Engineering's Limpopo tenders in 2012. This week I experienced severe DGB vs. Instead of building proper roads for the people of Limpopo, Maluma bought Gucci clothes and booked five-star hotels.

His playbook was the same: intimidate and attack the messenger harshly to the point where journalists rather smile and walk away than take him on for his blatant disregard of the truth and alleged criminal ways.

It's time for some real introspection, Mr Maluma. Who is the real bastard here? The advocate trying to get to the bottom of who almost stole our country's future from you and my children, or the person allegedly using poor people's money to live a life he pretends to detest?

(Post script: Maluma will call me a white racist for writing this piece or refer to the rubbish in my pants or call his supporters to deal with me "decisively". His Twitter disciples will tweet Photoshopped pictures of me hanging with Johann Rupert or the Cypriothemans and claim that News24 is now also part of the Ramaphosa Defence Force. It's all so predictable and boring.)

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This week Malema called me a "racist thing". He no longer takes my calls. Malema is back to his ANC Youth League ways of toxic race politics.



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The common thread? Corruption allegations against the self-styled 'commander-in-chief' of the Economic Freedom Fighters.

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The ANC was too impotent to do anything and the DA almost too civil in their approach to counter Zuma's term of shame.

We wanted someone to embarrass Zuma for everything he's done, and Malema comfortably played the role of public accuser number one.

"Pay back the money", "the Zuptar" and "ulibela ka Dzuluzeni" were wonderful catchphrases, masterfully coined by Malema and his lieutenants in their campaign to lift Zuma out of his seat. And we played along.

Because we agreed with the EFF that Zuma was bad for the country. He had to go.

We willingly and knowingly parked Malema's own sins in the past. The rampant looting of Limpopo under his friend Cassel Mathale's premiership; the privatisation of key government functions to his friend Lesiba Gwangwe's On Point in which Malema's Ratanang Trust owned shares, while he was preaching nationalisation; the findings by Thuli Madonsela against Malema; the criminal charges that kept being postponed ad infinitum until the NPA forgot about them.

In his new role as chief Zuma accuser, Malema won the support of the nation (even those who don't vote for him) and left behind his On Point-Guud for real, anti-corruption overalls.

We know now that it was never an anti-corruption ticket, but an anti-Zuma-corruption one.

My relationship with Malema started in 2011 when colleague Phil Rampedi and I revealed his family trust's links to multimillion-rand Limpopo tenders. At the time, Malema was ANCYL president and clearly a rising star in the ruling party.

After helping Zuma to power – for which he subsequently apologised – Malema became an enormously powerful power-broker in the ANC. Blessed with the gift of the gab, Malema was masterful in deflecting attention away from his own sins.

He reacted viciously to our investigation and Rampedi, who is from Limpopo, had to get bodyguards to protect him and his family after receiving death threats. That racist slur leveled at me, although it was difficult to do the same with Rampedi.

Malema had a phalanx of thugs around him, who didn't mind beating up anyone who stood in their way.

After being kicked out of the ANC, Malema was in the political wilderness and had to reinvent himself. We started to talk about the case against him and the extent to which Zuma was looting the country.

Malema never admitted to me that he did anything wrong. He saw the case against him as a conspiracy to have him imprisoned to limit his political ambitions.

We spoke about the ANC (he is still this day preoccupied with the internal workings of the governing party and pre-emptive Cabinet announcements on Twitter) and the party's links to crime and corruption. He has an amazing ability to connect the dots between people and events.

Malema never had an issue with my whiteness and I often told colleagues how different the person was that I saw on the other side of the table to the rousing speaker on stage. I found him quite shy and often got the impression that he was craving a life away from the limelight with his wife and children.

I've since learned that the schizophrenic nature of politics is not limited to Malema.

When Zuma left the stage, Malema and the EFF needed to reinvent themselves again. He "allowed" Ramaphosa to win the ANC race and almost disappeared from the news radar until early this year when the ANC handed him the hard ticket.

Advancing a cause, like land expropriation, will only take the EFF so far. Malema thrives on fighting an enemy and settled on Phiso Gontshen, while people and the media. He has learned well from Zuma on playing the victim card and we can expect a lot of that in the run-up to the May 2019 elections.

The revelations of EFF links to the VBS scandal and City of Johannesburg tenders comes at a terrible time for Malema. He wants to be 100 Clean going into the elections and we are spilling his party.

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It seems like all the Bassons are racist Nazis, you're very dangerous exposing your sources like that. Why don't you name all of your sources.

1:39 pm · 30 Nov 2016

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**Adriaan Basson** @AdriaanBasson · Nov 23

This is what happens when bastard politicians create an enabling environment for intimidation of journalists. @SAEditorsForum will discuss this urgent matter at our council tomorrow.

**Ranjeni Munusamy** @RanjeniM

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**#RememberMarikana #CapitalCo...**

@EFFDxJSMoroka

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Replying to @AdriaanBasson @GetrudeM @SAEditorsForum

Wena bastard Adriaan tell your biased @sanef that we are watching their hypocrisy, they promote and protect peddlers of fake news and politician journalists. Journos that push political narratives of certain factions are bastards

7:52 pm · 24 Nov 2018

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**Julius Sello Malema** @Julius\_S\_Malema · Nov 24

I'm prepared to meet you on condition you don't bring racist things like this white young boy called @AdriaanBasson



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**Dima wa Bauba**

@Seloale6

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Replying to @Julius\_S\_Malema @SAEditorsForum @AdriaanBasson

,and we want the meeting to be in public,we want to hear and see what they say,We want to deal with them directly.

8:53 pm · 24 Nov 2018

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**Kabelo Makinta** @DNewSouthAfric · Dec 1

Cape Town racist was threatening EFF supporters with a paintball gun. This is how they dealt with him.



1:14 79.6K views



**Earl Gee Mokone**

@MokoneGerald

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Replying to @DNewSouthAfric

@AdriaanBasson @PieterDuToit  
@pierredevos I hope you are watching. We  
have no time for racist scumbags and settlers.

6:47 am · 2 Dec 2016

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**#SinuousLinesDesign** @Sentletse · Nov 28

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**Adriaan Basson** @AdriaanBasson · Nov 28

It's called journalism. The extent to which you defend the EFF and their fake news is more interesting. What is your agenda? Because it certainly isn't exposing the truth.

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**Tronko Lucas Musefowa**

@LucMan76

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Replying to @AdriaanBasson @Sentletse and 3 others

Futsek wena Basson bloody white racist boy.  
Do you your beards can intimidate us. You  
are nothing white boy

1:25 pm · 28 Nov 2018

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**Adriaan Basson** @AdriaanBasson · Nov 30

There was a time when @Julius\_S\_Malema used to call me with tip-offs. My whiteness wasn't an issue when Malema gave me stories in our common pursuit to expose corruption. This week Malema called me a "racist thing" via @News24



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**Cash**  
@Cashell\_Phasha

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Of course u are sick racist someone, that's why u started a smear campaign with your fellow racists when u realized EFF is gaining too much power.

2:45 pm · 30 Nov 2018

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**Masonga KasGonyela**

@Masonga\_kasGo

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Replying to @AdriaanBosson @Julius\_S\_Malema @News24

White people cannot be trusted and by being white you are racist. Your ancestors are racist your kids are racist you all racist collectively. All white combined are racist and we thanks God black people don't think like white' if we did, none of you would be in Africa today.



12:12 am · 1 Dec 2018

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**Adriaan Basson** @AdriaanBasson · Nov 30

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**Earl Gee Mokone**

@MokoneGerald

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By virtue of being white... You are a bloody RACIST

11:50 am · 30 Nov 2018

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**Adriaan Basson** @AdriaanBasson · Nov 30

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**Khupi**

@alimohlouca

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U are racist young boy, using apartheid machinery against black ppl

7:23 am · 30 Nov 2018

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**Julius Sello Malema** @Julius\_S\_Malema · Nov 24

I'm prepared to meet you on condition you don't bring racist things like this white young boy called @AdriaanBasson

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**Mannbash**

@Mannbash1

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Replying to @Julius\_S\_Malema @SAEditorsForum @AdriaanBasson

Hit the dog until owner comes out CIC.... the owner is sending messengers now

8:02 pm · 24 Nov 2018

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**Adriaan Basson** @AdriaanBasson · Nov 30

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**Netshitungulu M**

@m\_netshitungulu

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Replying to @AdriaanBasson @Julius\_S\_Malema @News24

U are a racist.all the stories u write about Malema and the EFF shows that u are racist.

8:05 am · 30 Nov 2018 From South Africa

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**Adriaan Basson** @AdriaanBasson · Nov 30

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**Minamona**

@CulturePeace

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You 're a racist

7:06 am · 30 Nov 2018

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**S'thembiso Thethwayo**

@St\_Thethwayo

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Don't tag @PaulivW, @RanjeniM, @eNCA  
@AdriaanBasson, @SundayTimesZA, and  
@Jaqqz ... They will be upset and say  
@Julius\_S\_Malema is a racist bully. Just don't  
tag the stratcom tu

6:57 pm - 27 Nov 2018

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**Julius Sello Malema** @Julius\_S\_Malema · Nov 24

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**Dimo wa Bauba**

@Selatoie6

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Remind them my CIC, that they have left thier Reporting Space and have entered Political space, and we will treat them like that, They are not going to be treated special, as long as they are still politicians. And tell them we do not need anything from them, no publicity what so ever.

648 pins · 24 Nov 2010

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**#SinuousLinesDesign** @Sentletse · Nov 28

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**Adriaan Basson** @AdriaanBasson · Nov 28

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**Grizella...**

@sayitall100

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Replying to @AdriaanBasson @Sentletse and 3 others

NEVERE! Its called Stratcom journalism  
defending Pravin the Cabal leader!

#PravinMustFall #PravinGordhan

12:50 pm · 28 Nov 2016

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**Mr. Madidimalo** @Mhadidimalo · Nov 23

Some of this journalists behaves like politicians...South Africans will treat and engage them on a political level.

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**Adriaan Basson** @AdriaanBasson · Nov 24

Is this meant to be intimidation?

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**Majeka**

@kephuta

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Replying to @AdriaanBasson @Mhadidimalo @SAEditorsForum

Journalists will be treated as one, but immediately when you start been a politician you will be treated as one.

7:48 pm · 24 Nov 2018



**Adriaan Basson** @AdriaanBasson · Nov 30

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**Letshela Mohlamme**

@paulmatena

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That was before he realised your racist tendencies. You think CIC or EFF will run after a racist like you. even other reporters see that pravin defenders are pushing a sick agenda.

1:07 pm · 30 Nov 2018

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**FSinusustinesDesign** @Sentletse · Nov 28

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**Zabelo mphemba**

@Zabelo121

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The Agenda is to achieve Economic Freedom in our lifetime despite sponsored journalists who masquerades as Editors while they are not, Wena you're politician and will treat you as such u ka worry mo!!!!

2:05 pm · 28 Nov 2018

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**TshekoTsk**  
@tsk\_tsheko

Replying to @AdriaanBasson and @News24

But for the first time I agree with him,  
we must slaughter these white  
animals if they kill black

Africans ,actually we must come up  
with action to kill white people like you

@AdriaanBasson

2018/12/11, 09:44



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IN THE EQUALITY COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA  
GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA

Case No:

In the matter between

<b>SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL EDITORS FORUM</b>	First Complainant
<b>NAVARANJENI MUNUSAMY</b>	Second Complainant
<b>PAULI VAN WYK</b>	Third Complainant
<b>ADRIAAN JURGENS BASSON</b>	Fourth Complainant
<b>MAX DU PREEZ</b>	Fifth Complainant
<b>BARRY BATEMAN</b>	Sixth Complainant
and	
<b>THE ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS</b>	First Respondent
<b>JULIUS MALEMA</b>	Second Respondent

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SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT:  
MAX DU PREEZ

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I, the undersigned,

MAX DU PREEZ

state the following under oath:

1. I am an adult male journalist employed by Media 24 (Pty) Ltd, Media24 Centre, 40 Heerengracht, Cape Town. I am the fifth complainant in this matter.
2. The facts contained in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge, and are, to the best of my belief, both true and correct.
3. I have read the founding affidavit of Mahlatse Mahlase, on behalf of the first complainant in this matter. I align myself with the complaint and I support the relief sought. As a journalist I believe that it is important for our courts to continue to affirm the role that journalists play in an open democratic society, and to sanction any conduct that threatens the independence of journalists and creates a climate of fear. In addition, I confirm the contents of the founding affidavit in so far as they relate to me.
4. I hereby authorise Mahlatse Mahlase, the first complainant in this matter, to sign Form 2 in terms of section 20 of the Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act 4 of 2000 on my behalf.

**Background facts**

5. The purpose of my affidavit is to draw the Court's attention to an attack on me by supporters of the EFF and an incident of hate speech against me. I set out the details below.
6. The fifth complainant is Max du Preez, an adult male journalist and columnist, carrying on business at Media24 Centre, 40 Heerengracht Avenue, Cape Town.

  
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7. I have been a journalist for more than 43 years. During this time, I have worked in various capacities, as reporter, political correspondent, editor, broadcast journalist and documentary-maker. I have also authored 14 books on history and politics.
8. In 1988, I was the founding editor of an alternative Afrikaans-language newspaper called Vrye Weekblad. The newspaper published many stories about gross human rights violations perpetrated by the apartheid government. This included exposing the story of the apartheid police's death-squad unit, based at Vlakplaas, which murdered several anti-apartheid activists.
9. I have three criminal convictions on my record for breaking apartheid-era publication bans. This included being sentenced to six months in jail for quoting a banned person, Joe Slovo, the then leader of the South African Communist Party. Vrye Weekblad was eventually forced to close its doors due to the mounting costs of litigation with the apartheid state. In 2008, I was awarded the Nat Nakasa Award for Fearless Reporting by the South African National Editors' Forum, the first complainant.

#### **Facts leading to the complaint**

10. I was one of the journalists mentioned by name by Mr Malema at the rally on Tuesday 20 November 2018 outside the Zondo Commission hearings. This is not the first time that Mr Malema has mentioned me by name as an enemy of the EFF, a racist or a "protector" of President Ramaphosa. He has done so on several occasions before. For example, on 5 July 2018, during a press conference, Mr Malema accused me and other journalists of being part of a

mob that attacks everyone who doesn't agree with President Ramaphosa. His actual words were:

*"You know you have a list of journalists like Ranjeni, like Ferial, like Max du Preez, like Peter Bruce who have organized themselves into a mob ... and attack everyone who doesn't agree with Ramaphosa."*

*"And [with] Ramaphosa....if they allow you 30% freedom on Ramaphosa. Pravin [Gordhan]! If you want to die - If you want to die politically touch Pravin."*

11. I am also aware that, on various occasions, which are more fully canvassed in the affidavits of the other complainants in this matter, Mr Malema has referred to journalists as the "1652 mob", "Pravin and the mob", "Defenders of Rampahosa", an "Indian cabal", "a cabal", "politicians" and as "stratcom".
12. I attended the Zondo Commission hearings on Wednesday 21 November 2018. I left after lunch. While I was waiting for my Uber driver to collect me (right next to the BP garage), some of the EFF protestors walked by. One of them recognised me and shouted my name. About a dozen of the protestors then mobbed me, shouting threats and abuse at me. One threat I remember was "You're not safe on these streets, you white bastard." I was distressed by this incident and feared for my safety.
13. Fortunately two policemen were very close by and intervened. The protestors then moved away and I was not harmed. It did make me wonder, though, what could have happened if there were no policemen around.



14. For several months now, I have been subjected to extreme harassment on Twitter by EFF supporters. Many just call me names, like "white racist", "racist bastard", "Stratcom agent", "Verwoerd's dog", "Lapdog of WMC", "old bugger", an "apartheid journalist", a "fake journalist", a "drunkard" that smokes "nyaope mix with herb". I was told I "could be dead". The attacks on me have escalated since Mr Malema's statements at the Zondo hearings on 20 November 2018 (annexures "MD1" – "MD11").

15. One self-professed EFF member on twitter, @luwiblack, posted the following message on twitter on 3 December 2018: (annexure MD1)

*"From now on ur our project, we gonna make sure we get ur home address next for control, to show fighters where u staying so we do you what we have to Vodacom. We are not playing, we humble forward ppl like you. Watch this space ... we watching u mxxm sis"*

16. I understand the reference to Vodacom to be a reference to an incident on 30 November 2018, in which Mbuyiseni Ndlozi, a senior leader of the EFF and the party's spokesperson, tweeted a photograph taken at the Vodacom Journalist of the Year Awards (annexure "MD11"). A slide with a photograph of Mr Malema and the EFF's deputy president, Mr Floyd Shivambu, was visible on the tweeted photograph. The slide contained the words: "Abusers of Democracy". I understand that this slide was part of several presented by a guest speaker, Mr Mavuso Msimang, the chairman of Corruption Watch.

17. Mr Ndlozi's tweet read:

*"Fighters don't be surprised when @Vodacom gathers journalists to strategise on how to deal with EFF. It just means our fight is right where it belongs, in the belly of the beast: #WhiteMonopolyCapitalism"*

*We would not be doing well if they were not all uniting against us #Asijiki"*

18. After Mr Ndlozi's tweet appeared on Twitter, EFF supporters attacked several Vodacom stores around South Africa. These incidents were widely reported in the media. Several stores were forced to shut down (annexures "MD12", "MD13" and "MD14").
19. On a number of occasions in the last few months – both in Johannesburg and Cape Town – strangers have approached me in public places and warned me to rethink my approach towards the EFF. I understand this to be a warning to refrain from criticising the EFF or its leadership. As a journalist, the only other time I have ever had this kind of experience was during the 1980s and early 1990s. At the time I was the editor of the *Vrye Weekblad*, a weekly newspaper. I was often threatened and intimidated by white right-wingers in public places in an attempt to warn me off writing articles that were critical of the apartheid government.
20. Considering the way in which EFF supporters responded to Mr Ndlozi's tweet and attacked Vodacom stores, I have become fearful that the constant verbal attacks on me and other journalists will soon escalate into physical attacks.

#### Conclusion

21. I ask this Court to grant the relief set out in the Form to which this affidavit is annexed.



  
DEPONENT

I certify that the deponent:

- (a) has acknowledged that he knows and understands the contents of this declaration; and
- (b) that he has no objection to taking the prescribed oath, that he considers the oath binding on his conscience and has in due form sworn that the contents of this declaration are true and has signed the same.

Before me at Mossburg on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER 2018

  
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**luwi blacks**

@luwi\_black

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5:10 pm · 3 Dec 2019

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**luwi blacks**

@luwi\_blacks

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Replying to @kater20245 @x-r-623 and 2 others

I'm a loyal member of eff with pride. I dont need to hold any position to Express my views.

7:20 am · 4 Dec 2016



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**Max de Preez** @MaxdePreez · Dec 3

Should I send you all the other tweets I got from EFF supporters threatening my and my family's lives?



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**Pushking**

@Pushking6

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Replying to @MaxdePreez @VarnatTuli and 2 others

Just voetsk and get out of twitter old man u are boring us with ur fake stories, it's u and racist friends who create these fake accounts and send threats to urself, stupid old attention seekers mxm! What do u hope to achieve by all this stupid behaviour old bugger

6:44 am · 4 Dec 2016



MD4 214



Walt...

@Amazhika

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Replying to @MaxduPreez @staenhuisen

max du preez is politician disguise as  
journalist @EFFSouthAfrica must make sure  
that they respond to max the same way they  
respond to politicians like JD.... finish and  
klaar

6:57 pm - 27 Nov 2016

22 Likes



Insert your reply

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**Max du Preez** @maxdupreez · Nov 26

I think @MzwaneleManyi is the most talented bullshitter we've seen in public life in years - he's the deuter person's Hlengiwe Mkhize. His explanation of THA's vast readership (tens of 1000s of copies dumped at airports and state offices) was innovative, yet utter bullshit

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**Mzilikazi Donda**

@MzilikaziDonda

Follow

Replying to @MaxduPreez @MzwaneleManyi

The most bullshitter its you your fucken white cabal

4:51 am · 27 Nov 2016

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MD6 216



**Max du Preez** @MauduPreez · Nov 27

Should that apply to racists of all kinds and colours? Just broadcast their racism, race and live!

**MasterNinja** @DmNinjaNinja

Replying to @SizweMpofuWalsh @MauduPreez

Max should allow the EFF racists to express themselves freely. The world can then see them for what they are.

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**Rose Mphahlele**

@RosaMphahlele

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Replying to @MauduPreez

@SizweMpofuWalsh u were apartheid journalist, u are leading the charge to bring back apartheid. U will never oppress us again

6:39 pm · 27 Nov 2014

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**Max du Preez** @MaxduPreez · Nov 29

Watch this space indeed, summer for the next few months

**amaBhungane** @amaBhungane

WATCH THIS SPACE: An @amaBhungane exposé will today reveal that a company that won a R1bn Joburg fleet contract paid a Malema-EFF 'dush fund' | #Malema #EFF #amaBhungane #amaB



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**Original Kay**

@OriginalKay1

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Replying to @MaxduPreez

Hahaaa.. You guys are happy over nothing..  
EFF is almost there.. To crushing this White  
Monopoly Capital.. And fake journalist like  
@MaxduPreez ..watch and learn.. Juju told us  
that the fight is gonna be dirty coz they are  
fighting the most powerful man.. But bring it  
on..

12:24 pm · 29 Nov 2016



**Hloni Nyetanyane** @hloninyetanyane · Nov 28

Max Du Preez is crazy. Apartheid government banned & censored ANC, PAC & Azapo but they still managed to disseminate information to the people. Ultimately the same banned organisations pushed National Party out of power. So bring it on. We were born ready.



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**Tumelo**

@tumelomk

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Replying to @HloniNyetanyane

@MaxduPreez is a drunkard he smoke nyaope\_mix\_with\_nherb he is a small boy the WaY We the people of sa\_msanzi defeated Apartheid that it is way to defeat all stratcom journalist\_come\_Politicians Ground FORCES are REady bring it on.

12:05 pm · 29 Nov 2018



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MD9 219



**Max du Preez** @MaxduPreez · Aug 19

The EFF's protest against #PravinGordhan is the most absurd, dishonest piece of political theatre I've witnessed in a long time.

109 185 1.7k



**Cyril mene mene**

@mumabombomni

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Replying to @MaxduPreez

The problem with you Max you think you have done us good and we owe you for it. Me and many SAns never got anything from you never will. You could be dead for all I care. Like a dog you bark at anything moving.

8:12 am · 20 Feb 2018

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Max du Preez [@MasduPreez](#) · Dec 3

Read this:



**EFF behaviour is a blatant abuse of democracy**

On 29 November 2018 I gave a keynote address at the Vodacom Journalist of the Year Awards function. The title I chose for my speech was: Advancing Democracy...

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Thabo Tlabela

[@ThaboTlabela](#)

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Replying to [@MasduPreez](#)

**Lol look who is white privileged racist aii**

2:41 pm · 4 Dec 2018

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Mbuyiseni Ndlozi  
@MbuyiseniNdlozi



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7:01 pm · 30 Nov 2010

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## EFF vows to continue protests at Vodacom shops over 'war' against party

POLITICS / 9 DECEMBER 2018, 8:22PM / ZINTLE MAHLATI



*The EFF has vowed to continue visiting Vodacom shops across the country following Sunday's attack on some of the cellular giant's stores. Picture: Henk Kruger African News Agency (ANA)*

Johannesburg - The EFF has vowed to continue visiting Vodacom shops across the country following Sunday's attack on some of the cellular giant's stores.

The party's supporters have been angered by an image that was displayed at the Vodacom Journalism Awards last week which depicted images of EFF leader Julius Malema and his deputy Floyd Shivambu with the headline: "abusers of freedom".

A number of Vodacom stores in Limpopo were closed over the weekend after people wearing EFF T-shirts, as seen on social media, stormed the stores and damaged some equipment.

The EFF in the Eastern Cape said in a statement on Monday that it would visit stores as Vodacom had allowed itself to be used by the media in their agenda against the party.

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"Their platform was used to launch an unwarranted attack on the leadership of EFF as part of the wave of the media war against the EFF and their refusal to condemn such behaviour means they too are part of the effort to tarnish the name of EFF. We will be paying visits to all Vodacom offices in the province to protest against their involvement in this war against the EFF," said the party in a statement on Monday.

The EFF has accused the media of fighting political battles and brandishing the EFF as an enemy through its reporting.

The party has not taken well the reporting by the media on its leaders especially on issues such as the VBS scandal and comments the party's leaders has made about the Zondo commission and Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan.

"We also call on the media to desist from fighting political battles and stick to its mandate of informing and protecting the public in an impartial fashion. The EFF Eastern Cape will support the national leadership in its pursuit of any legal recourse for the malicious reporting that we have been subjected to over the past weeks," said the party.

The DA has laid charges against the EFF over the vandalising of some Vodacom stores.

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*Gopelang Chawane and Citizen reporter*



Vodacom store vandalised. Image: Marietjie Louw/twitter

**Police said they could not confirm the political affiliation of the suspects who handed themselves over to police on Thursday.**

Six people have apparently handed themselves over to police in connection with damages caused to a Vodacom shop at a mall in Polokwane at the weekend.

Limpopo police Brigadier Mofafela Mojaelo said the six suspects handed themselves over to police on Thursday morning.

He added police were still continuing with investigations.

This comes after the DA wrote to the speaker of Polokwane municipality, Marisi Raletatane, to summon EFF councillor in Ward 13 Oupe Ramaphoko to appear before the ethics committee for allegedly being an accessory to a crime in the alleged vandalising of a Vodacom store in the province.

The EFF in Limpopo was accused of the vandalism in retaliation to a slide at a keynote address by Corruption Watch chairperson Mavuso Maimung that referred to the EFF as "Abusers of Democracy".



Yusuf Abramjee  
@Abramjee

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DA councillor in the Polokwane municipality Tiny Chidi said the EFF councillor's alleged actions are in contravention of the code of conduct for councillors as outlined in the Municipal Systems Act of 2003, Schedule 1.

Chidi said according to the act, a councillor must perform the functions of the office honestly, in good faith, and in a transparent manner. They must at all times act in the best interest of the municipality and in such a way that the credibility and integrity of the municipality are not compromised.

The DA councillor said the party acknowledged everyone had a right to protest, "but it must be conducted within the prescripts of the law".

"The right to protest does not in any way promote malicious damage to property.

"We have already added additional criminal charges against the EFF under case number 29/12/18 at the Polokwane police station on Monday.

"The DA urges the speaker to consider placing the councillor under precautionary suspension pending investigations by the police."



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## 'Matter now closed' - EFF, Vodacom issue joint statement following unrest

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Vodacom and EFF leadership say the matter has now been resolved after the two parties met to discuss the keynote address at the 2016 Vodacom awards by Corruption Watch chairperson, Mervyn Maimane.

On Sunday a group of protesters wearing EFF T-shirts vandalised a Vodacom store in the West of the North in Polokwane, Limpopo. There were also reports of an incident in Bloemfontein, as well as reports of an incident at Greenstone mall on Monday.

The protests followed a lecture by Maimane at the Vodacom event which included an image depicting EFF leaders Julius Malema and Floyd Shivambu as "defenders of freedom".

"In the meeting, the parties discussed the matter in detail and have resolved the issue. Vodacom acknowledged that it is politically neutral and it doesn't influence party political positions in any way. Vodacom and EFF appreciate that the matter could have been handled differently to avoid the misunderstanding that occurred," the EFF and Vodacom said in a joint statement.



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The parties said they encourage the right of freedom of speech and the free circulation of ideas.

The EFF and Vodacom also committed to engage on policy issues of mutual interest and considered the matter now closed.

### SANRC responds

Meanwhile, the South African Human Rights Commission says it supports the police's criminal investigation against people purported to be members of the EFF who allegedly stormed and damaged the Vodacom outlet in Polokwane.

"A constitutional democracy such as ours should not tolerate violence and/or beating and vandalism as a response to utterances that are not acceptable to one group or another in our society. There are appropriate legal and constitutional mechanisms which can be used in order to express such dissent," SANRC spokesperson Gail Smith said.

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Smith added that the commission is of the view that political parties as well as the population at large, should ensure that we all use the legal and constitutional mechanisms at our disposal in addressing grievances.

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— Mbuyiseni Ndlovu (@MbuyiseniNdlovu) November 30, 2018

EFF supporters have vandalised a Vodacom store at the Mall of the North in Polokwane. They are protesting against an image of Julius Malema and Floyd Shivambu captioned "abusers of democracy", shown at the Vodacom Journalism of the Year Awards 2017. #Vodacom #SouthAfrica pic.twitter.com/4CMgpf0w0d

— Sibusiso Mankgwe (@SibusisoMankgwe) December 2, 2018

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### Charges laid

On Monday, DA premier candidate in Limpopo Jacopus Smalls laid charges of malicious damage to property and accessory to crime at the Polokwane police station following the incident at the Mall of the North.

"The DA condemned the incident and urged law enforcement units to investigate the matter and



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...the attack, which was a direct result of the fact that the company, being, with good reason, was not destroyed at all costs," said Smuts.

However, EFF provincial chairperson Jossey Buthe has rubbished Smuts's claims that EFF was responsible for the attack, and said the party was unfazed by criminal charges.

"In all our spheres, from branches to national, [we] have never issued statements that said 'Vodacom must be attacked' ... even though there was an attack by Vodacom to our national leadership," said Buthe.



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Second Complainant

PAULI VAN WYK

Third Complainant

ADRIAAN JURGENS BASSON

Fourth Complainant

MAX DU PREEZ

Fifth Complainant

BARRY BATEMAN

Sixth Complainant

and

THE ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS

First Respondent

JULIUS MALEMA

Second Respondent

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SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT:  
BARRY BATEMAN

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I, the undersigned,

BARRY BATEMAN

state the following under oath:



12/12/18

1. I am an adult male journalist employed at Eyewitness News, Primedia Place, 5 Gwen Lane, Sandton, Johannesburg.
2. The facts contained in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge, and are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, both true and correct.
3. I have read the founding affidavit of Mahlase Mahlase, on behalf of the first complainant in this matter, and confirm its contents in so far as it relates to me and to journalists generally. I align myself with the complaint and support the relief sought.
4. I hereby authorise Mahlase Mahlase, the first complainant in this matter, to sign Form 2 in terms of section 20 of the Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act 4 of 2000 on my behalf.

#### **Background Facts**

5. I am a senior reporter for Eyewitness News, a division of the Primedia Broadcasting Group. I am responsible for producing radio news inserts for various radio stations owned by Primedia. I have been employed at the company since 2010. Prior to that, I worked at the daily newspaper, Pretoria News.
6. Recently I have started having concerns for my personal safety, and that of my family. I have also become concerned at the hate speech directed towards me. These concerns started on or about 3 December 2018, when I reported that EFF leader, Mr Julius Malema, the second respondent, and the EFF, the first respondent, had been identified as benefactors of a property owned by

Mr Adriano Mazzotti. The media has described Mr Mazzotti as a "self-confessed cigarette smuggler".

7. In my report I said that Mr Malema's wife and children live in a house at a Hyde Park estate owned by Mr Mazzotti. Mr Mazzotti reacted to the report via his attorney and said that Mrs Malema was paying market-related rent to live in the property (annexures "BB1" – "BB2").
8. On the same day as my report, freelance journalist and author Jacques Pauw, tweeted the street address (with the incorrect house number) and a Google Earth satellite picture of the estate, with a large red arrow pointing to the house occupied by the Malema family.
9. Before the publication of my report, my editor and I had taken an editorial decision not to publish the relevant address of the house or the identity of Mr Malema's children.
10. Mr Pauw was criticised for publishing the address and a picture of the house. The first complainant (Sanef) condemned Mr Pauw's conduct and engaged him on the matter. Mr Pauw subsequently agreed to remove the tweet.
11. After the saga with Mr Pauw, attention turned to me since I had reported the story, despite Mr Pauw being the source of the address. A series of threats were made against me, my wife and two young daughters (annexures "BB3" – "BB12").
12. One EFF supporter, @Spiwo, said the following:

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*"They shouldn't complain when fighters come and visit Barry Bateman in his home, just to greet him for doing 'sterling work'. What is good for the goose, it is surely good for the gander too. Akere!" (annexure "BB3")*

13. The same user later accused me of the following:

*"Barry Bateman is part of the same right-wing mob, the same WhatsApp group with Paul v Wyk, Pieter du Toit, Ferial, Sikonathi, etc. Their agenda is to fight and discredit EFF." (annexure "BB4")*

14. Another user, @Amushka, tweeted as follows:

*"Where is this useless @Sanef [the first complainant] when we need them @hlaseentle [Mahlase] you guys are useless or maybe we need to post the addresses of all journalists including yourself on social media including ur kids info where they attend school maybe you will then take this serious" (annexure "BB5")*

15. What I found most disturbing was a tweet posted by user @ali\_naka. He stated that a "list of Stratcom journalists home addresses would be a good Christmas present" (annexure "BB9"). Mr Malema retweeted this tweet to his 2.26 million followers (annexure "BB10"). A response to this tweet says we will "also visit them peacefully soh [like this]". It then bears a picture of a man with an axe in his belt (annexure "BB11").

16. Mr Malema appears to have reversed his retweet of @ali-naka's comment, but the message was already seen by his followers and supporters.

17. It is evident that some of Mr Malema's followers use the same rhetoric in their tweets that Mr Malema uses to describe journalists (annexures "BB4", "BB6" and "BB9").
18. Tension between Mr Malema, the EFF and the media had been running high even before my 3 December 2018 report. At press conferences held in July and November 2018, Mr Malema singled out particular members of the press and used threatening or intimidating language towards them.
19. As set out in the affidavits of the other complainants, Mr Malema and other senior leaders of the EFF, have referred to journalists as "politicians" or as being part of the "mob", "the 1652 mob", "stratcom", "the cabal", "the Indian cabal" and "the defenders of Ramaphosa".
20. A recent incident occurred on 29 November 2018, at the Vodacom Journalist of the Year Awards. Corruption Watch chairperson Mr Mavuso Msimang was invited to give the keynote address. During his address Mr Msimang displayed slides on a large projector screen. Among the slides was a picture of EFF leaders Mr Malema and Mr Shivambu, with the caption "Abusers of Democracy".
21. Dr Mbuyiseni Ndlozi, a senior member and the spokesperson of the EFF, tweeted the following in response (annexure "BB13"):

*"Fighters don't be surprised when @Vodacom gathers journalists to strategise on how to deal with EFF. It just means our fight is right where it belongs, in the belly of the beast: #WhiteMonopolyCapitalism. We would not be doing well if they were not all uniting against us #Asijiki"*

22. The EFF's deputy secretary General Hlengiwe Mkhali tweeted (annexure "BB14"):

*"Vodacom has declared war against EFF ... lets go. Let's see who will win this war... Fighters lets goooo"*

23. The two tweets were sent within a minute of each other and were followed by numerous incidents of violent attacks on Vodacom shops, which included the vandalism of Vodacom's premises and property and the assault of staff members (annexures "BB15" and "BB16").

24. I submit that these incidents demonstrate the proclivity towards extreme violence and intimidation by the leaders of the EFF, as well as its supporters. The utterances of the leadership of the party has made me and my family fearful of being physically attacked.

25. I believe that Mr Malema's retweet (annexure "BB10") insinuates that the addresses of journalists should be obtained and disseminated in order for EFF supporters to threaten, intimidate or physically harm those journalists whom the party deems undesirable.

26. In some tweets, supporters of the EFF go further and state that details of my wife's work and my children's school should also be found and disseminated. This can only mean that retaliation should not just be against me, but against my family as well.

27. I believe that Mr Malema and his supporters have targeted me and my family directly. I fear that they will soon harm me and my family merely because I



reported on Mr Malema in a way that did not find favour with the EFF or its supporters.

28. I have an imminent apprehension that EFF supporters, with the direct or indirect support of their leaders, intend to obtain my home address and/or my wife's work address and/or the address of my children's school, with the express purpose of threatening, intimidating and/or attacking or hurting my family and me.

#### Conclusion

29. I therefore ask this Court to grant the relief set out in the Form to which this affidavit is annexed.

  
DEPONENT

I certify that the deponent:

- (a) has acknowledged that he knows and understands the contents of this declaration; and
- (b) that he has no objection to taking the prescribed oath, that he considers the oath binding on his conscience and has in due form sworn that the contents of this declaration are true and has signed the same.

Before me at Claremont in Cape Town on this 14 day of December 2018



  
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## MALEMA'S FAMILY LIVING IN HOUSE ON ESTATE OWNED BY ADRIANO MAZZOTTI

Cigarette manufacturer Adriano Mazzotti has been described as a self-confessed cigarette smuggler and has been accused of evading taxes.



EFF leader Julius Malema outside Brooklyn police station addressing his supporters. Picture: Akkell Jansen/EFM

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PRETORIA - It's emerged that cigarette manufacturer Adriano Mazzotti may be a bigger benefactor of Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) <https://ewn.co.za/Topic/Economic-Freedom-Fighters> leader Julius Malema <https://ewn.co.za/Topic/Julius-Malema> than initially thought.

Eyewitness News can reveal that the firebrand politician's wife and children live in a house in a high-security Hyde Park estate which is owned by Mazzotti, who is also part owner of cigarettes manufacturing company, Carrilina.

The EFF and its leaders have come under significant scrutiny in recent weeks after it emerged that senior members may have benefitted from funds siphoned out of the collapsed VBS Mutual Bank <https://www.vbsmutualbank.co.za/>, allegations the party denies.

Mazzotti donated R200,000 to the EFF in 2013 while fellow Carrilina director Kyle Phillips loaned Malema R1 million to help him settle his tax affairs.

Three security guards and a four-metre high perimeter wall topped with surveillance cameras meets guests at the exclusive Hyde Park estate which has only four houses in it.

Mazzotti has a stake in three of them and also lives in the estate with Malema's wife, Mantwa, and their children as neighbours.

Malema, who has a state residence in Cape Town, lives at the property when he is in Johannesburg.

Mazzotti has been described as a self-confessed cigarette smuggler and has been accused of evading taxes.

He's consistently denied the allegations and insists that he is fully tax compliant.

The businessman says he won't hide the fact that he and Malema are friends and he says the politician's wife pays a market-related rent to live in his property.

Malema declined to answer specific questions, instead all he would say is that he has moved to Cape Town, where he has been given a residence in

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## MAZZOTTI: 'MALEMA FAMILY'S HOUSING ARRANGEMENT ABOVE BOARD'

Businessman Adriano Mazzotti says there is an arm's length lease agreement managed by an independent leasing agent through which Malema's wife Mantwa rents the Hyde Park property from him.



Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) leader Julius Malema address Parliament residents as part of the party's nationwide consultation assembly on 24 November 2018. Picture: @EFFSouthAfrica/Twitter

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PRETORIA – While businessman Adriano Mazzotti has confirmed that Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) leader Julius Malema (<https://ewn.co.za/Topic/Julius-Malema>)'s family lives in a property he owns (<https://ewn.co.za/2018/12/03/malema-s-family-living-in-house-on-estate-owned-by-adriano-mazzotti>), he's told Eyewitness News that the arrangement is above board and he is not the politician's benefactor.

In 2013, Mazzotti donated R200,000 to the EFF while recently his fellow director at cigarette manufacturer Camilleux, Kyle Phillips, advanced a loan of R1 million to Malema to help him settle his tax affairs.

The EFF and its leaders have come under significant scrutiny in recent weeks after it emerged that senior members may have benefitted from funds syphoned out of the collapsed VBS Mutual Bank (<https://ewn.co.za/Topic/VBS-Mutual-Bank>), allegations the party denies.

Mazzotti says there is an arm's length lease agreement, managed by an independent leasing agent through which Malema's wife Mantwa rents the Hyde Park property from him.

He says the property is rented at a market-related price. However, he would not disclose how much the family was paying.

The house is estimated to be worth R3 million while rentals in the area range from R35,000 to over R100,000 per month.

It's understood that while Malema's wife and his children live at the property permanently, it's understood Malema only stays there when he is in Johannesburg as he has a state residence in Goodwood, Cape Town.

Mazzotti is at pains to stress that neither he nor his company, Camilleux are in any way benefactors of Malema or the EFF.

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"Over the last year I have been subjected to vicious media attacks for a myriad of reasons which include political agendas with ulterior motives. The most critical allegations emanated from Mr Jacques Pauze's book "The President's Keepers" which contains many factually incorrect, misleading, distorted and defamatory allegations. Mr Pauze extensively relied on an affidavit which I deposed to in 2014, which affidavit was a confidential document prepared for the sole and exclusive benefit of SARS. This affidavit was created for specific settlement negotiations and has been reported out of context. The affidavit was nonetheless rejected by SARS and could not be relied upon. The affidavit was leaked to the media and relied on to defame, insult and attack my reputation even though it was submitted within a specific legal framework. The book was written with the direct intention to undermine various politicians and businessmen shortly prior to the ANC's Presidential elections in December 2017. The book has been severely criticised. Mr Pauze did not even bother to interview me which supports my view that he had no intention to publish objectively. The affidavit was prepared as part of negotiations with senior SARS representatives."

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He says that he and Maluma have a long-standing friendship and considering the upcoming elections, he believes it's unfair that this friendship should be scrutinized and reported on in a negative manner.

Maluma declined to answer specific questions related to the Hyde Park property or the arrangement with Mazzotti.

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The EFF continues in the aboriginal sense and with the August 8 document, the publication of CC Julius Malema's family addresses, in an attempt to discredit the leader of the EFF, media has published the residential address where his wife, the mother of his child, the first son.

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Barry Bateman fighters will pay you a visit once your house, siblings and cars are known to them. Y publish Malema address.



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**WATCH | EFF 'supporters' trash Vodacom shop**

02 December 2018 - 17:15 By Niso Gona



A group claiming to be EFF supporters trashed a Vodacom shop in the Mall of the North in Polokwane, Limpopo, on Sunday.

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A group claiming to be EFF supporters trashed a Vodacom shop in the Mall of the North in Polokwane, Limpopo, on Sunday.

Police spokesperson colonial Moutshé Ngope said: "The suspects stormed the shop and vandalised the property in the shop. Two shops were affected, but only one shop lodged an official complaint. The other shop did not complain as of now."

Ngope could not confirm if the perpetrators were EFF members and said no one has been arrested.

Eyewitness Anna-Marie Bester wrote on Facebook: "I said to the girl busy with my phone, I'm going to leave the phone with her I'm quickly going to buy food ... And this happened just after we left the Vodacom shop ... The people working there was in a state of fear and traumatised. This video was taken just after it all happened."

The incident allegedly happened after Vodacom showed a picture of EFF leader Julius Malema and deputy president Floyd Shivambu on Thursday night at the Vodacom Journalist of the Year awards ceremony in Midrand with the caption "Abusers of democracy".

EFF spokesperson Mbuyiseli Ndlovu tweeted on Friday: "Fighters don't be surprised when Vodacom gathers journalists to strategise on how to deal with EFF. It just means our fight is right where it belongs, in the belly of the beast: #WhiteMonopolyCapitalism"

Vodacom said in a statement on Friday that Corruption Watch chairperson Mervyn Msimang was invited to give the

keynote address at the awards ceremony where he spoke about the "importance of media freedom and why it should be preserved".

Msimang's views are his own and are not those held by Vodacom. Vodacom believes in freedom of expression and would not censor Msimang's views or those of other opinion makers.

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**Another picture shows alleged EFF members outside a Vodacom store at East Gate Mall.**

Vodacom stores at Mall of the North in Polokwane and Makhado in Limpopo have been vandalised following comments made by Corruption Watch chairperson Mavuso Msimang at the 2018 Vodacom Journalist of the Year Awards this week.

Anti-crime activist Yusuf Abramjee posted videos and pictures of a crowd of people, allegedly EFF members,

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singing and dancing after vandalising stores.



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Gaming pictures of the EFF arriving at the Mall of the North were also captured by security cameras.



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Vodacom received criticism on social media following a keynote address by Msimang, who, according to reports, showed an image of EFF leaders Julius Malema and Floyd Shivambu, with the title "Abusers of Democracy".

However, in a statement, Vodacom distanced itself from the comments, saying it could not "censor" Msimang's views as it believed in freedom of expression.

"Vodacom can confirm that Corruption Watch chairperson, Mxoliso Msimang, was invited to give the keynote address at last night's Vodacom Journalist of the Year awards to speak on the importance of media freedom and why it should be preserved.

"Mr Msimang's views are his own and are not those held by Vodacom. Vodacom believes in freedom of expression and would not censor Mr Msimang's views; or those of other opinion makers. Vodacom is against discrimination and bigotry in all their manifestations, including race, age, gender, disability, religion, sexual orientation and political thought."

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