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**QUESTION 3213**

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**3213. Mr M G P Lekota (Cope) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether, with reference to his involvement and conduct on the N1 highway with members of the SA Police Service (details furnished) during the arrest of 10 men who were allegedly suspects in the killings that took place in the Marikana settlement in Phillipi, Cape Town, (a) (i) he has found that the deceased whose coffin was violated and searched during the operation was a suspect in the matter, (ii) it was proper for him to post photos of the arrested suspects on social media before they had appeared in court and (iii) he regrets the specified incident and the role he played therein and (b) he intends to make amends with those whose human and constitutional rights were violated; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

(a)(i) The Minister of Police visited a scene on the N1 highway, at the Huguenot tunnel, where eight suspects were apprehended. He asked for their names and destination and urged them to cooperate with the South African Police Service’s (SAPS) investigation. The Minister did not attend any scene where a coffin was searched or present.

(a)(ii) Not applicable.

(a)(iii) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.