
STATEMENT UNDER OATH

I, the undersigned,

Prof Puleng LenkaBula

hereby declare under oath that:

1. I am a South African adult female who serves as Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Chief Executive Officer) of the University of South Africa.
2. The facts contained herein fall within my personal knowledge, unless the context indicates otherwise, and are both true and correct.
3. In my capacity as Vice-Chancellor and Principal, I have experienced some incidents that threaten my personal safety in recent months, following my official appointment as leader of the university.
4. The following incidents are worth recording:
 - 4.1 On or about April 2021, a group of unknown and uninvited men invaded the 13th floor of the O.R Tambo Building (the Principal and Vice-Chancellor's quarters) and demanded to see me. They were armed with firearms although did not point them at me.

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4.2 On or about 11 January 2022, pictures of my official university vehicle were circulated on social media platforms in manner that exposes myself and the vehicle to potential abuse or attacks. The number plate was fully displayed.

4.3 On 1 February 2022, the Vice-Chancellor's official residence, Cloghereen, was invaded by student leaders and pictures of the house were taken and circulated widely. This was unprecedented security breach in the history of the university. Such an act also renders me, my family, and the said property vulnerable to potential security threats or even theft. The matter was reported to the South African Police Service (SAPS) Sunnyside Police Station with case number: CAS 09/02/2022.

4.4 On 18 February 2022, the O.R Tambo Building which houses my office was threatened with a bomb. This resulted in an emergency evacuation of the building for all staff. The SAPS was called in for a bomb search and no bomb was found and the building was declared safe for use again. The matter was reported to SAPS Garsfontein Police Station with case number: CAS 316/02/2022.

4.5 At the beginning of March 2022, Prof Zethu Nkosi received a message to the effect that I should watch my back. Such a threat was not occurring for the first time since I took office.

4.6 In the course of March 2022, NEHAWU organised the disruption of the Autumn Graduation Ceremonies in the Muckleneuk Campus and as part of their onslaught against the university and myself, pepper sprays

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were used against visitors and other staff members of Unisa, and in the process I was threatened with death, got insulted, intimidated labelled a foreigner who must be subjected to 'dudula' (to be forcefully removed from the country).

4.7 On 15 June 2022, one of the former employees of Unisa, Mr. Tshembani Valoyi, called me a 'kwerekwere', a derogatory term used to discriminate and attack foreign nationals of African descent. He also threatened that there will be Gender-based Violence (GBV) against women, molesting of female staff members of the university together with the person of the Principal and Vice Chancellor and degrading my name by referring to me as Mmalepona. That female staff members who are reporting for work will be "sjamboked". He further threatened to petrol bomb some of the staff members of Unisa.

4.8 For many months since the middle of 2021, I have been a target of violent cyber bullying, insults, abuse, and threats to my person by Mr. Simamkele Xani, a student of Unisa. These insults and abuses have continued in the course of 2022. Mr. Xani has been stalking me on Facebook and other social media platforms.

4.9 As a result of his relentless cyber bullying and threats, a court interdict was obtained against him to desist from such actions. However, on 26 June 2022, Mr. Xani published very damaging information against me on social media in violation of the court interdict.

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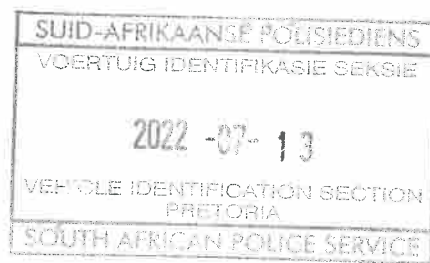
5. I am left with no choice but to conclude that these threats to my life are real and escalating. I take these security threats seriously and I consider my life to be in danger. I believe they arise due to the office I hold, and therefore I have the obligation to report them to the university and the SAPS.
6. That is all I want to state so far.



PROF PULENG LENKABULA

Signed and sworn/affirmed to before me at Pretoria on this 13 day of July 2022, the deponent having acknowledged that he knows and understands the contents of this affidavit; which is deposed to in accordance with the regulations governing the administration of an oath as more fully set out in Government Notice R1258 of 21 July 1972, as amended by Government Notice 1648 dated 19 August 1977 and Government Notice 903 dated 10 July 1998.

Commissioner of Oaths:



M.M. NKUNA
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Signature

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