

President appoints new NPA Investigating Directorate head

By Staff Reporter

President Cyril Ramaphosa has appointed experienced prosecutor Advocate Andrea Johnson as the head of the National Prosecuting Authority's Investigating Directorate (NPA ID). Johnson's appointment follows the resignation of former head Advocate Hermione Cronje in December last year. The President said Johnson will lead the ID into a new phase – building on the work former head Cronje undertook since the ID's establishment in 2019. "Under the leadership of Advocate Hermione Cronje since its establishment in 2019, the Investigating Directorate has enabled the NPA to more effectively prosecute state capture and other high-profile corruption cases. "Advocate Andrea Johnson will be expected to lead the Investigating Directorate into the next phase of its work as the people of South Africa look to the criminal justice system to bring those responsible for state capture and corruption to book.

"In this regard, the Investigating Directorate will be able to draw on the extensive information compiled by the State Capture Commission and is being strengthened through the allocation of more resources," President Ramaphosa said. To further bolster the capacity of the NPA, President Ramaphosa also announced the appointments of Advocate Navilla Somaru as Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in the Free State, Advocate Rachel Makhari-Sekhaolelo as the DPP in the North West and Advocate Nicolette Bell as DPP of the Western Cape.

Meanwhile, the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) says it has "absolute confidence" in Johnson's ability to deliver on the mandate of the prosecuting authority. At the time of her appointment, she was serving



as the NPA's Acting Special Director of Priority Crimes Litigation Unit (PCLU) and the coordinator of the Organised Crime Component in the organisation. In a statement, the NPA said Johnson's 26-year-long prosecutorial track record make her ideal for the position. Johnson's vast experience includes working as a senior member of the now defunct Directorate of Special Operations (the Scoprioms) and the high profile prosecutions of fraud accused businessman Brett Kebble, corrupt former Police Commissioner Jackie Selebi and murderer Oscar Pistorius.

"This unique experience with the DSO is hugely significant to the current leadership required to take the ID forward [and] Advocate Johnson is well-placed to lead the ID during its next era which will be all about action

and impact. "She has demonstrated her commitment and resolve to serve the people of South Africa, to uphold the Constitution and the law, and to work tirelessly to ensure accountability for those who commit the most serious crimes in our country," the NPA said.

The NPA denounced what it called a "smear campaign" targeted at Johnson. "Considering the current climate in which the ID operates, we expect these kinds of unjustified attacks to continue. "The NPA leadership has absolute confidence in the integrity of Advocate Johnson, and we will not be distracted in our efforts to rebuild the rule of law in South Africa. If any investigations are required, we will conduct them transparently and share the findings as appropriate," the statement read. – SAnews.gov.za

More than 589 arrested in Free State's Ongoing Operations

Multi-disciplinary approach operations conducted throughout the province saw 589 people arrested. Between 23 February 2022 and 01 March 2022, ongoing operations were held throughout the province and suspects were arrested.

267 were arrested for Contact Crimes such as Murder, Attempted murder and Rape. 9 for robberies, 78 for property related crimes, 90 for liquor related crimes and 145 for drug related crimes. Drugs such as Dagga, Nyaope, Khat, Mandrax and Crystal meth were confiscated during the process. 4 firearms and 104 ammunition pieces recovered. 8 suspected stolen vehicles were confiscated. 936 liquor outlets were visited for compliance including 157 second hand goods shops. 1234 fines were issued for contravention of the national roads traffic act, contravention of the liquor Act and non-compliance.

All 589 suspects will appear in the different magistrate courts on different charges. This will take place in different towns throughout the Free State

Stern warning to Hitchhikers after several kidnappings

FREE STATE - Hitchhikers are targeted, kidnapped and ransom demanded from relatives. Organized Crime and Crime Intelligence are following every lead to trace these kidnappers.

Several incidents of kidnapping have been registered throughout Lejweleputswa District police stations, where hitchhikers are given lifts and kidnapped along the way.

These kidnappers are usually three African males speaking Zulu and Sotho. After kidnapping the victim, the suspects will then demand a ransom and that it must be paid into the victim's bank account.

Hitchhikers are sternly warned to avoid the following hiking spots: Joel mine adjacent to Beatrix mine, Allanridge hiking spot in R30 National road, Jazz Corner Odendaalsrus, Harmony Mine Saaiplaas Virginia, Mannys in Welkom towards Bloemfontein road.

Should anyone have information leading to the arrest of these kidnappers, Detective Captain Ticho Flyman of Provincial Organized Crime can be contacted at 082 536 2683 or Crime Stop at 08600 10111.

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Macufe e ya Kgutla Hape

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Kamora ho sitiswa ke sewa sa Covid-19 bakeng sa dilemo tse pedi, mokete wa Macufe o tla boela o tshwarwa hape monongwaha. Sena se phatlaladitswe ke Tonakgolo ya Free State, Sisi Ntombela puong ya hae ya ka maemo a profensi le ya pulo ya lekgotla la ketsamelao e bileng ka Mantaha, 28 Hlakola 2022.

Ha a fana ka tlaleho ya diphihlallo tsa mmuso wa Free State le merero ya selemo se tla thwasa sa ditjhelete, o boletse hore mmuso o tlameha ho ikitlaetsa ka hohle hohle ho finyella ditabatabelo tsa baahi ba profensi ya Free State ka ho theha mesebetsi, ho aha matlo le ho phana ka ditshebeletso tsa mantlha. "Ha re ya tlameha ho hloleha. Sena se molemong wa batho bohle ba Free State" ho rialo Tonakgolo. O ekeleditse ka hore ho molemo hore batho ba ahlole ka diketso hoena le seo ba neng ba hopotse ho se etsa.



- Theho ya mesebetsi e 164 setsing sa ntshetsopele ya moruo se Maluti-a-Phofung.
- Ho fana ka Vrede Dairy ho beng ba

ya yona ba 65.- Ho theha mesebetsi e 54 008 ka lenaneo la Expanded Public Works Programme.

- Ho tsoseletsa mebela ka hara makeishene.

- Ditokiso tsa dibaka tsa kokelo tse jwaleka ditliniki.

Tonakgolo o boletse hore Mmuso wa Foreistata o tla qetella ditokiso tsa mebela e kopanyang ditopro tse fapaneng ho kenyeditse ka hare mmila wa Deneysville le Heilbron le o pakeng tsa Jim Fouche le Deneysville.

Ntombela o boetse a etsa boipeletso ba hore ho fediswe tshotlo ya bana le basadi. "Bomme le ban a ba tlameha ho ikutlwa ba bolokehile le ho phela ka poloheho."

Tonakgolo o boletse ha a kgathatsehile ke maemo a bommasepala ka hara profensi ya Free State. Hammoho le SALGA puso ya hae e tlatswa letsholo ho bona hore maemo a bommasepala a ntlafala jwang.

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