

Minister of Police welcomes IPID statement on KZN Provincial Commissioner matter

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Media Statement from the Office of the Minister of Police

GAUTENG - The Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu, has noted the article published by News24 regarding a complaint filed with the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) concerning the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Commissioner; IPID has since issued a statement correcting the article.

In commenting on the matter, the Minister stated the following: “We welcome and fully endorse the statement issued by IPID on this matter. I do want to repeat that I have not laid any complaint against Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi. I do want to state however, that we need to intensify our efforts on effective and efficient law enforcement in the Republic of South Africa. The South African Police Service (SAPS) is hard at work all over the country – at Head Office and in the provinces. Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi, like all the other Provincial Commissioners, is working hard in the fight against crime in KwaZulu- Natal, and that is duly recognised by the Ministry of Police. The Ministry supports all Provincial Commissioners in their efforts. At all material times, the Ministry of Police works to uphold the rule of law and will do everything to strengthen mechanisms to fight against crime. As an independent and impartial oversight body, IPID conducts its investigations without external influence, and its decisions regarding cases under its jurisdiction are made independently.”

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