



Announcement by the Chairperson of the Commission, Judge Farlam on the electricity and water supply interruptions in and around the Rusternburg Civic Centre.

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Colleagues and family members of the deceased, as many of you are aware, we have since last week experienced water and electricity interruptions in this facility resulting in us having to temporarily postpone the Commission's proceedings.

The Secretariat's office has been in constant communication with the Rusternburg Local Municipality to get these issues resolved. We are advised that a severe explosion was experienced on Tuesday, 20th February 2013 at the 33 000 volt switchgear housed at the nearby Municipality Electrical Substation burning two cables in the process. As a consequence the Municipality is operating with an interim devise that operates at a very high risk.

As a direct consequence of this explosion, water is not sufficiently pumped into the reservoirs due to the unavailability of electricity causing less than usual supply of water to the municipal water supply infrastructure.

However, the municipality has agreed to supply us with water tanks to address the water problems in the Civic Centre whilst allowing them an opportunity to resolve problem linked to the water and electricity supply. In addition, they have also promised to provide us with mobile toilets to assist the Commission to continue its work.

We want to appeal to all of you to cooperate will us in this regard.

All other enquiries should be directed to the Commission's Secretariat and the Spokesperson.

I thank you.

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