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MS HEMRAJ SC

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     [PROCEEDINGS ON 20 JUNE 2014]
                                                                      triple, sorry, that will be AAAA13, is that correct, Ms
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     [09:15] CHAIRPERSON:
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                                     The Commission resumes.
                                                                      Pillay?
    I'm sorry we are starting late but we had housekeeping
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                                                                              MS PILLAY:
                                                                                                 That's correct, Chair.
                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
    matters to consider in chambers. I apologise to those who
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                                                                                                     So exhibit AAAA13 is the
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    have been waiting here since 9 o'clock. Would you please
                                                                      inspection in loco forensic affidavit of AP Viljoen dated
    remind the witness that he is still under oath.
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                                                                   6
                                                                      the 31st of July 2013.
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                                                                  7
            MR X:
                         [s.u.o. through interpreter]
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                         The next will be item
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            MR X:
                         That is correct, Chairperson.
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                                                                      34, Chair.
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Mr Mathibedi?
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                    How many exhibits
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            EXAMINATION BY MR MATHIBEDI SC (CONTD.):
                                                                  10
                                                                      altogether are you going to hand in? Mr Mathibedi -
     Thanks, Chair. Chair, if we could go to item 33, 239 of
                                                                  11
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                         [Microphone off,
11
     bundle, I mean the index bundle A.
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                                                                      inaudible]
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Housekeeping, do you want
                                                                  13
                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                     Oh, so there's quite a lot
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     to put in more exhibits?
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                                                                      of work to do. So AAAA14 is inspection in loco letter, is
15
            MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                       That's correct, Chair.
                                                                  15
                                                                      that right?
                                  Yes, what exhibits do you
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            CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                         That's correct, Chair.
17
    want me to mark?
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                    Of Warrant Officer Viljoen,
18
            MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                       It will be item 33.
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                                                                      it's the same one we had last, in the previous exhibit
19
     Chair.
                                                                  19
                                                                      dated the same day as the previous exhibit, that is to say
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  What, how must I describe
                                                                  20
                                                                      31 July 2013. The next one will be triple A - sorry, I'm
21
    it?
                                                                  21
                                                                      doing it all the time - AAAA15, that will be item 35, is
22
            MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                       It's described as
                                                                  22
                                                                      that correct?
23
     "Inspection in loco forensic affidavit of AP Viljoen dated
                                                                 23
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                         That's correct, Chair.
24
     31/07/2010" - 2013.
                                                                  24
                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                    That's the inspection in
25
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                                                                      loco affidavit of Warrant Officer AP Viljoen dated the 1st
                                  Thank you. That will be
            CHAIRPERSON:
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    October 2013. AAAA16 is the key to the photographs of the
                                                                      AAAA13 to AAAA19, that's item 33 to 39 on the amended index
 1
                                                                      to bundle A.
 2
    inspection in loco prepared by Warrant Officer Viljoen,
 3
    that's item 36. Then AAAA17 is an affidavit of FPR van der
                                                                  3
                                                                             MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                      Item 36 -
 4
    Merwe dated 25 February 2014. That's item 37 of the
                                                                  4
                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                  Mr Mathibedi?
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    bundle. Then we have AAAA18 which is a statement of - is
                                                                  5
                                                                             MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                      Sorry, Chair, item 36
    this an affidavit or is this a statement? It must be an
                                                                  6
                                                                      AAAA16, if it could be key to photos and photos.
 6
 7
    affidavit, surely? If it's not an affidavit I won't
                                                                  7
                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                  To what photos?
                                                                  8
                                                                             MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                      Item 36 -
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    receive it. It must be an affidavit, surely. You can't
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                                                                  9
                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
    just hand in statements. Warrant Officer Rowan Cronje, is
                                                                                                  Yes?
                                                                 10
    it an affidavit?
                                                                             MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                      If you could name it
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                                                                  11
                                                                      "Key to photos and photos."
11
           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                      [Microphone off,
12
    inaudible] affidavit.
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                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                  Key to photographs and
13
            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Sorry?
                                                                  13
                                                                      photographs.
14
           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                      It's an affidavit.
                                                                  14
                                                                             MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                      That's correct.
                                                                  15
                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
15
            CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                  This is the exhibit which
                                  Yes, it is. I thought it -
                                                                      we looked at before we came into the, to hear the evidence
16
    well, it should be. Affidavit of Warrant Officer Rowan
17
    Cronje, that's item 38 and that's AAAA18. Then we have a
                                                                  17
                                                                      of the witness, which is effectively a photograph album of
18
    letter from General Phahlane, that will be AAAA19. Letter
                                                                  18
                                                                      45 photographs with a key.
                                                                  19
                                                                             MR MATHIBEDI SC:
19
    from General JK Phahlane dated 25 March 2014. And then
                                                                                                      That's correct, Chair.
20
    finally we have triple - I did it again - AAAA20 which is
                                                                  20
                                                                      Thanks. Sir, I'm going to refer you to exhibit quadruple
21
    item, no, no, 40 we don't need -
                                                                  21
                                                                      6, 16 sorry.
22
           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                  22
                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                  Quadruple A.
                                      No. 40 we don't need.
    Chair.
                                                                  23
23
                                                                             MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                      Thanks. AAAA16, thanks
24
            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  So those are all the
                                                                      Chair. Mr Mokotedi, will you help the witness with the
25
    exhibits so I've marked, I've written them in my book from
                                                                      exhibit?
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 The exhibit I see is in
                                                                       witness. That's what the key says in respect of
1
                                                                   2
                                                                       photographs 1 and 2.
2
    Afrikaans. It reads, key to photographs MAS206/08/2012.
3
    Crime scene investigation team North-West, Phokeng.
                                                                   3
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                        Sir, are you familiar
4
    Criminal Record Centre Rustenburg number (inaudible) 13.
                                                                   4
                                                                       with the area where the photos were taken?
5
    Mr Mathibedi, a number of the photographs show the witness.
                                                                   5
                                                                              MR X:
                                                                                           That's the place where I'm
    I take it you don't want those shown?
                                                                   6
                                                                       staying, I know it.
6
7
                                                                   7
           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                     Thanks, Chair.
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                        What do you mean? I am
8
           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 31, 32, 33, 34, that's it.
                                                                   8
                                                                       referring to the particular place - where the photos were
9
    So we'll be careful not to show those.
                                                                   9
                                                                       taken.
10
           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                  10
                                     Thanks, Chair.
                                                                              MR X:
                                                                                           I know the place.
           MR X:
                                                                  11
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                        Will you describe the
11
                       I see.
           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
12
                                     Sir, will you have a
                                                                  12
                                                                       place for us, sir?
13
    look at photo number 1?
                                                                  13
                                                                              MR X:
                                                                                          We are at the place where, that
14
           MR X:
                       I see the first photo.
                                                                  14
                                                                       place, this is the place where we were operating from.
15
           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                     There's a person who is
                                                                  15
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                        Operating what? What
    wearing dark or black clothing, can you see him?
16
                                                                  16
                                                                       was operated from that place?
17
           MR X:
                       Yes, sir.
                                                                  17
                                                                              MR X:
                                                                                           This is where we were, the rituals
18
           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                     Can you, are you in a
                                                                  18
                                                                       were being conducted.
19
    position to identify the gent, the person?
                                                                  19
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                        When were the rituals
20
           MR X:
                       That's me.
                                                                  20
                                                                       conducted?
21
           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                  21
                                     Are you -
                                                                              MR X:
                                                                                           After the arrival of the inyanga.
22
           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 That's alright because we
                                                                  22
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                        Are you in a position
23
    can't see his face. Perhaps we should put on record that
                                                                  23
                                                                       to tell us, more or less give us the dates when the inyanga
24
    according to the key, photograph 1 shows the beginning of
                                                                  24
                                                                       arrived?
                                                                  25
25
    the pointing out by someone who's described as an alleged
                                                                              MR X:
                                                                                           The inyanga arrived on the 11th.
                                                      Page 30994
                                                                                                                        Page 30995
                                                                                           Yes, sir.
1
           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                      The 11th of which month
                                                                   1
                                                                              MR X:
2
    and year, sir?
                                                                   2
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                         Are you depicted in
3
            MR X:
                        The 11th month, on the 11th of the
                                                                   3
                                                                       that photo?
4
    12th month. He arrived on the 11th of August, that is
                                                                   4
                                                                              MR X:
                                                                                           I do appear on that photo.
5
    August.
                                                                   5
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                         Can you describe the
6
           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                      Which -
                                                                   6
                                                                       clothing that you are wearing?
7
                        In the year 2012.
                                                                   7
           MR X:
                                                                              MR X:
                                                                                           I am wearing black.
                                                                   8
8
            MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                      Thank you. Chair, I'm
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                         Are you familiar with
                                                                   9
9
    going to refer now to photos 31, 32, 33 and 34 and I would
                                                                       this spot where the photo was taken?
                                                                  10
10
    request that these photos not be published.
                                                                              MR X:
                                                                                           I am.
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
11
            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Do you want me to rule or
                                                                  11
                                                                                                         Can you tell us what
12
    direct that these photographs not be broadcast, not be
                                                                  12
                                                                       happened at that spot?
13
    published in any way so that those in the overflow room
                                                                  13
                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                     Before we get there, I
    won't see them and insofar as there's a broadcast of what
                                                                  14
14
                                                                       suppose -
                                                                  15
15
    is happening, they not be broadcast either. Is that what
                                                                              MR X:
                                                                                           Two fires were lit there. Mr
16
    you want me to rule?
                                                                  16
                                                                       Chairperson.
17
           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                      Thank you, Chair.
                                                                  17
                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                     Alright. Before we get
18
            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  I so rule.
                                                                  18
                                                                       there perhaps I should put on record that according to the
19
            MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                      Sir, will you have a
                                                                  19
                                                                       key, this is described, these photos 31 to 34 are described
20
    look at photo number 31?
                                                                       as showing a second point pointed out by the alleged
21
            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  I'm reminded that yesterday
                                                                  21
                                                                       witness, it's a translation of what appears in the key.
    when a similar problem arose, I made an order that the
                                                                  22
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
22
                                                                                                         Sir, will you proceed
                                                                  23
23
    cameras be turned off, so I make that order too.
                                                                       and tell us what happened at this spot?
24
            MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                      Thanks, Chair. Do you
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                                                                              MR X:
                                                                                           Two fires were lit there, Mr
25
    have photo 31 before you, sir?
                                                                       Chairperson.
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4	Page 30996	4	Page 30997
1	MR MATHIBEDI SC: For what purpose were	1	fastened using these ropes?
2	the fires lit?	2	MR X: The sheets were hanging from those
3	MR X: The two fires that were lit, this	3	ropes.
4	is where the rituals were conducted.	4	MR MATHIBEDI SC: What kind of sheets are
5	MR MATHIBEDI SC: Will you please go over	5	you referring to, Sir?
6	to page 35, sorry, photo 35.	6	MR X: These were the colourful sheets on
7	[09:35] Which is described as showing, "Toon 'n	7	which the drawing of a lion appeared. They were not in one
8	woltoutjie soos aan die takkies van 'n bos by die tweede	8	colour.
9	punt wat deur die beweerde getuie uitgewys aangetref is."	9	MR MATHIBEDI SC: Sir, I'm going to refer
10	It shows a wool, rope of a wool as fastened on the trees.	10	you to exhibit AAAA11. Do you have the exhibit before you,
11	Now if you look at that photo 35 it shows an oval	11	Sir?
12	encirclement as shown on the screen. Can you see that?	12	MR X: I do have it.
13	CHAIRPERSON: Before we carry on, the key	13	MR MATHIBEDI SC: Will you describe what
14	says in respect of photo 35 "Toon 'n woltoutjie soos aan	14	is depicted in the exhibit?
15	die takkies van 'n bos by die tweede punt wat deur die	15	CHAIRPERSON: I think we had a
16	beweerde getuie uitgewys aangetref is," which means it	16	description of this exhibit yesterday when –
17	shows a skein of wool as it was shown on the branches of a	17	MR X: A lion appears there, Chair.
18	bush at the second point which was pointed out by alleged	18	MR MATHIBEDI SC: Thanks, Chair.
19	witness.	19	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Can you tell us how
20	MR MATHIBEDI SC: The object shown to	20	many sheets there were and what they were used for?
21	you, which is within the oval encirclement, are you in a	21	MR MAHLANGU: The question is how many
22	position to describe it?	22	were there?
23	MR X: Those were ropes hanging, these	23	MR X: These two sheets were, the two
24	were the ropes in which the sheets were fastened.	24	sheep, S-H-E-E-P, were fastened with the two sheets, a
25	MR MATHIBEDI SC: When were the sheets	25	black and a white sheep, sheeps.
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     standing in front of us, we washed. Our bodies became wet.
                                                                        interrupt the witness. I just wanted to raise a formal
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    We then emerged, went out. Some others than followed.
                                                                        objection to the use of a term that represents racist and
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     There were many of us, Chairperson. We were coming out as
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                                                                        colonial past, that belittles African belief systems,
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     there were many of us on this mountain. We came back with
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                                                                        witchdoctor -
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    the person who had accompanied us to the water to be
                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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    cleansed. We went back to the original place where the
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                                                                        word "witchdoctor," yes.
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     rituals were conducted and when we came back the mixture
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                                                                               MR MPOFU:
    had been prepared, the mixture of the burnt sheep with the
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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     water that emerged from the sheep and the blood, and also
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                                                                        correct himself.
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    fat. We were then told the secrets of the mountain end
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                                                                               MR MPOFU:
                                                                                                   Ja, well -
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     there, that they don't have to be taken out of the
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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     mountain, that men shall be turned into men, that rituals
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                                                                        said traditional healer I think instead, but -
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    from the mountain shall be conducted, people would be cut,
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                                                                               MR MPOFU:
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     there would be cuttings on their bodies. The rules of the
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                                                                               MR MAHLANGU:
                                                                                                        Traditional healer.
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     mountains, that the rules pertained also to being with
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                                                                               MR MPOFU:
                                                                                                   Just for the record, yes.
    women, to have, to be intimate with a woman, one would have
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                       Traditional healer, yes.
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    to abstain for seven days, that one does not have to point
                                                                               MR MAHLANGU:
                                                                                                        Traditional healer, yes.
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    at a person with a clenched fist, that one does not have to
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                       You corrected yourself. I
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    keep a stick raised, facing up, one does not have to walk
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                                                                        think -
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    where there is water, not to eat pork, not to eat sheep, no
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                                                                                                        I did, Mr Chairperson -
                                                                               MR MAHLANGU:
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    fish, not to wear a watch, no golden tooth, one shouldn't
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                                                                                                       - stick to traditional
                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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     wear a tooth made of gold, no necklace. One was not to
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                                                                        healer if you -
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    carry any money that is silver.
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                                                                               MR MAHLANGU:
                                                                                                        - and I'm sorry for using
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           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                     Sir -
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                                                                        the word.
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           MR MPOFU:
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                             Chairperson, I didn't want to
                                                                                                            Sir, is there something
                                                                               MR MATHIBEDI SC:
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     that you wanted to say? Because it appears there was an
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                                                                               MR X:
                                                                                           Yes, this was a way, Sir, of
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     interiection.
                                                                       hastening the effects of the muti that was given to us so
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           MR X:
                        And that we were not to fire, to
                                                                        that the police should also be in a hurry to shoot us.
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     shoot before the police started shooting. That we were
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                                                                               MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                         Why did the strikers
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     warned that we are not to shoot before the police did so
                                                                       conduct themselves as I've described?
     because if we did so then we would be capable of being
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                                                                               MR X:
                                                                                           We were doing this in order to
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                                                                       encourage the police to hasten, shoot with rubber bullets.
     shot, but if we don't do that their police guns would not
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     be able to shoot us.
                                                                               MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                         The video clip will
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           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                      Sir, later on in the
                                                                        also show that General Mpembe gave the strikers an
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     evidence we will show a video clip showing the protesters
                                                                       instruction to lay down their weapon and he was defied.
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     whilst they were talking to General Mpembe on the 13th.
                                                                       Was that your observation?
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           MR X:
                        Yes, Sir.
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                                                                        [09:54] MR X:
                                                                                              In fact, Chairperson, we were told
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           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                      Were you present when
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                                                                       not to listen to the police.
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     General Mpembe had a discussion with the protesters on the
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                                                                               MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                         Who told you not to
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     13th?
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                                                                       listen to the police?
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           MR X:
                        I was there, Sir.
                                                                               MR X:
                                                                                           The Nyanga.
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           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                      We will play a video, a
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                                                                               MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                         Now you have described
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     clip of a video showing the strikers squatting whilst
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                                                                       to the commission that you and some of the strikers went to
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     talking to, some whilst talking to General Mpembe. Was
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                                                                        the river where you washed.
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     that your observation?
                                                                               MR X:
                                                                                           Yes, it is so.
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           MR X:
                        That was the instruction given to
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                                                                               MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                         Which day was it?
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     us by the traditional healer.
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                                                                               MR X:
                                                                                           On the 11th.
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                                                                               MR MATHIBEDI SC:
           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                      The clip also shows
                                                                                                         Now the instructions
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     some of the strikers making a clicking sound using the
                                                                   24
                                                                        that you have mentioned, who came up with those
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     weapons in their possession.
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                                                                       instructions?
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            MR X:
                        This was during the conduction of
                                                                       Chairperson, were given to us whilst the rituals were being
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    the cutting rituals and they were given by the Nyanga.
                                                                       conducted by the Nyanga telling us that we are not to shoot
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           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
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                                      Which day was that?
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                                                                       before the police do so.
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           MR X:
                        This was on the 11th, the night
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                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                                                                                               Can you tell us on
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    when we started with the -
                                                                       which date this was?
           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
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                                                                              MR X:
                                      When were the
                                                                                           On the 11th, Chairperson.
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                                                                                                        How were the
    instructions given?
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
           MR X:
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                                                                       instructions relayed to the strikers?
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                        This was on the 11th, the cuttings
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    were done on the head, on the shoulders and on the joints.
                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                    I'm not sure I understand
           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                      Sir, the question is
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                                                                       that question. I don't know if the witness does. Perhaps
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    when, at what stage were the instructions given?
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                                                                       you can reformulate it, put it more precisely.
                        We were given this by the Nyanga
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            MR X:
                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
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    on the 11th.
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                                                                       about the instructions, how, by whom were the instructions
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            MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                      Do you remember at what
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                                                                       relayed?
    stage were the instructions given? Do you understand the
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                                                                                           The Nyanga.
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    question, Sir?
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                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
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            COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                            Might it not assist
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                                                                       instructions only relevant to those of you who underwent
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    the witness if you clarify which instructions you're
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                                                                       the rituals or were they to be communicated to everyone
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    referring to, Mr Mathibedi?
                                                                  19
                                                                       else?
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           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
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                                                                              MR X:
                                                                                           Only those that were on which the
                                      Thanks, Chair. Sir,
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    you've mentioned instructions amongst other of not having,
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                                                                       rituals were conducted, Chairperson.
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                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
    not to have money, to divide the police officials, not to -
                                                                                                        Sir, would you proceed
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                                                                       and tell us the whole process of how the rituals were
    to first wait for the police to fire. Now the question is
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                                                                       performed at the koppie?
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    at what stage were those instructions mentioned?
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           MR X:
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                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                        These instructions, Mr
                                                                                                               You've got to say
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    when because according to the statements there were rituals
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                    On the Saturday night of
    conducted at various times. So you must make it clear to
                                                                       the 11th?
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    the witness what date you're talking about, what occasion
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                                                                              MR X:
                                                                                           That's correct, Chairperson.
                                                                                                    Thank you.
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    you're talking about.
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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           MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                     I'm referring to the
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                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                        Sir, you have already
    date of the 11th. We looked last at the process that was
                                                                       told us about what happened at the river. Now we are back
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                                                                       at the koppie, will you tell us what happened there? How
    followed of how the rituals were conducted.
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 Was this at night when
                                                                       the rituals were conducted.
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    these rituals were conducted?
                                                                              MR X:
                                                                                           As I say this is where the rituals
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           MR X:
                        On the 11th, we entered the river
                                                                       were conducted, the cuttings. We were naked as I said.
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    first, Chairperson.
                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 Yes, no, but I -
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                                                                       how many of you were at the river when the rituals were
                                                                       conducted?
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           MR X:
                        We washed.
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 Yes, I know you told us.
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                                                                              MR X:
                                                                                           We were in the region of 200.
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    I'm asking you was it at night or in the day time?
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                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                                                                                               And when those
           MR X:
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                        Then the ritual started.
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                                                                       rituals were completed, where did you go to?
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 I know that, you've told us
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                                                                                           Chairperson, the night was over
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    that. What I'm asking you is was it at night or in the
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                                                                       and then the morning after the conducting of the rituals we
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    day?
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           MR X:
                        We slept on the mountain,
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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    Chairperson.
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 You still haven't answered
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                                                                                           Yes, on the 12th.
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                                                                              MR X:
    the question. The rituals, were they conducted at night or
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                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                        Sir, on the 11th after
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    in the day?
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                                                                       the rituals were completed at the river, where did the
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           MR X:
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2	MR MATHIBEDI SC: Now you are back at the	2	adjournment. We'll take the first break, a comfort break
3	mountain, what happened at the mountain?	3	at this stage. It's now 11:10 – no, please be quiet. I
4	MR X: I said on arrival at the mountain	4	haven't finished speaking. We will take the first comfort
5	the other rituals were then conducted as I explained.	5	break, it's now ten past ten, we will resume at 25 past.
6	MR MATHIBEDI SC: Now will you describe	6	[COMMMISSION ADJOURNS COMMISSION RESUMES]
7	to us the rituals that were conducted at the mountain and	7	[10:38] CHAIRPERSON: The Commission resumes. We
8	how they were conducted and by whom?	8	were told that the witness wasn't ready to continue at the
9	MR X: The Nyanga saw to it that each and	9	time we were intending to return, but we are now informed
10	every one had his own blade, razor blade. He would then	10	that he is ready, which is why we've come back into the
11	conduct these cuttings above the eyes, up on the top of the	11	chamber. When the interpreters come back we will ask them
12	head, their joints, all the joints of the body, below the	12	to tell the witness he's still under oath, and Mr Mathibedi
13	nipples and above. Below the navel, on the sides of the	13	will continue with his evidence-in-chief. [Microphone off,
14	hips and behind the knees, on the – first on the toes and	14	inaudible] I'm sorry, we didn't send you a message to tell
15	on the front part of the – on the ankles.	15	you that –
16	MR MATHIBEDI SC: After the cuttings were	16	MR MAHLANGU: I'm sorry, Chairperson.
17	done, what happened?	17	CHAIRPERSON: No, it's not your fault.
18	MR X: As I said, we then went down, went	18	We didn't send you a message to tell you that we'd
19	to the offices.	19	received –
20	MR MATHIBEDI SC: Sir, we are still at	20	MR MAHLANGU: Thank you, Sir.
21	the koppie on the 11th. After the cuttings were done, then	21	CHAIRPERSON: - an indication that the
22	what happened?	22	witness is ready to proceed.
23	MR X: It's after the cuttings that I've	23	MR MAHLANGU: I really apologise.
24	explained. May I please be given a few minutes just to,	24	CHAIRPERSON: Would you please remind him
25	nature calls, Sir.	25	that he's still under oath, and then Mr Mathibedi will
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2	not feeling well, so in the circumstances, with a fair	
3	degree of reluctance because time in this Commission if	
4	very important and we can ill afford to lose the time, but	
5	in the circumstances I don't think I have an option. So	
6	the application is granted; the Commission will adjourn and	
7	resume at 9 o'clock on Monday.	
8	MR MATHIBEDI SC: Thank you, Chair.	
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