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MADLANGA COMMISSION WELCOMES ARREST OF MR SULIMAN CARRIM

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The Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Criminality, Political Interference and Corruption in the Criminal Justice System, commonly known as the Madlanga Commission, welcomes the arrest of Mr Suliman Carrim at OR Tambo International Airport last (Thursday) night.

The Chairperson of the Commission, Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga, announced in the hearing of 14 August 2026 that the Commission would lay criminal charges against Mr Carrim for failing to appear under subpoena.

It is the Commission's view that Mr Carrim's conduct constituted one or more offences under the Commissions Act (8 of 1947) and the regulations applicable to the Commission. Mr Carrim had also continuously failed to provide the Commission with information and documentation required under Regulation 10(6).

Mr Carrim was identified as a person of interest in October 2025 and was subpoenaed in November 2025 to appear before the Commission, give evidence and provide specified information and documentation relevant to matters falling within the Commission's Terms of Reference.

Mr Carrim brought an urgent application before the Gauteng High Court on 5 February 2026 to interdict the Commission from calling on him to file a written statement or subpoenaing him, pending the determination of his application to review and set aside the Regulation 10(6) notice/s issued for his response. The interdict application was struck off the roll with costs.

Mr Carrim then appeared before the Commission on 9 and 10 March 2026 but did not return to the witness stand as scheduled in April, June and July 2026 due to medical reasons.

On 29 July 2026, the Chairperson delivered a ruling postponing the continuation of Mr Carrim's evidence to 14 August 2026 and directing him to appear and testify in person on that date, subject to the conditions set out in the ruling.

Mr Carrim's failure to appear on 14 August 2026 and his repeated failure to provide the information required of him led the Commission to lay charges against him on 19 August 2026.

The Commission trusts that Mr Carrim's arrest will send a strong message to any witness who does not take the Commission seriously.

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