



NEHAWU STATEMENT ON THE SIU INTERIM REPORT ON TEMBISA HOSPITAL INVESTIGATION

MEDIA STATEMENT

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The National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union [NEHAWU] welcomes the release of the Special Investigative Unit [SIU] Interim Report on the Tembisa Hospital Investigation.

The interim report has detailed how resources of the state amounting to R2 billion were plundered through acts of corruption, fraud, maladministration and procurement fraud, money laundering, collusion, and bid rigging at Tembisa Hospital.

As NEHAWU, we find it deplorable that much needed resources were looted brazenly in such a manner, whereas, these resources could have been properly channelled towards ensuring that healthcare workers were provided with the necessary resources in their fight against COVID-19 at the peak of the pandemic.

Our members and healthcare workers succumbed to the pandemic as a result of the lack of proper and sufficient resources, yet hospital officials, government officials and syndicates were looting resources unashamedly.

The money that has been looted could have been used to address the many challenges that confront the healthcare system in our country, which include amongst others; the shortage of staff and improving the state of our public health infrastructure to create safe and healthy working conditions for our members and provide to quality healthcare services to our communities.

We welcome that SIU has referred matters to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for corruption involving officials of the GDOH or the Tembisa Hospital and implicated service providers of the Tembisa Hospital. Furthermore, that the SIU will institute civil proceedings to freeze and recover monies looted by officials and service providers.

Lastly, we call on our law enforcement agencies to work with speed to bring to book all those involved in the squandering of public resources.

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