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## **Media Statement: Chief Justice Maya briefed on allegations of corruption in Mthatha High Court**

***Note:** Please attribute this statement solely to the Office of the Chief Justice (OCJ) as a Government Department and not the Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa or the Judiciary.*

The Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, Chief Justice Mandisa M L Maya, on 13 May 2025, conducted an oversight visit to the Eastern Cape Division of the High Court, Mthatha, following the publicising of allegations of corruption by OCJ officials in the Court.

The Chief Justice met with the Acting Judge President of the Division, Judge Z Nhlangulela, as well as senior OCJ officials from its National Office and Eastern Cape Division. The Chief Justice received a briefing on the ongoing investigation by the OCJ pertaining to the allegations of corruption the Department first became aware of in December 2024.

In this regard, the Chief Justice was assured a case had been opened with the South African Police Service (SAPS), and that the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (the Hawks) had launched an enquiry into the matter. This process is running concurrently with internal investigations by the Department.

The Chief Justice has requested that the implementation of Court Online System – an end-to-end e-filing, digital case management and evidence management system – in the Eastern Cape Division of the High Court be expedited. The Court Online System is currently being rolled out by the OCJ in all Superior Courts and will be implemented in the Eastern Cape Division within the next month. The operationalisation of the System will have the effect of protecting the integrity of court operations, enhancing access to justice, minimising manual processes and curbing the allegations of improprieties.



The OCJ is working to review and strengthen internal controls in the Division to safeguard the credibility of the Court through the prevention and early detection of fraud and corruption.

The OCJ affirms that integrity and ethical behaviour are at the heart of its operations, guided by the Department's Fraud Prevention and Anti-Corruption Policy. The organisation is committed to maintaining the highest standards of ethical conduct, acting with honesty and being accountable to the public.

The organisation treats complaints on alleged acts of fraud and corruption with the seriousness they deserve. The leadership of the OCJ will spare no effort, within its delegated powers, to prevent, detect, punish and eradicate wrongdoing in the organisation.

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