



JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

MEDIA STATEMENT

JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION'S DECISION ON THE COMPLAINT LODGED BY MS ANDISWA MONGO AGAINST JUDGE PRESIDENT SELBY MBENENGE OF THE EASTERN CAPE DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT

On 7 July 2026, the Judicial Service Commission (JSC), excluding the members designated by the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces, held a meeting in terms of section 20(1) of the Judicial Service Commission Act 9 of 1994 (JSC Act), to consider written submissions from the parties on whether the JSC should advise the President¹ to suspend Judge President Mbenenge in terms of section 177(3) of the Constitution².

At this meeting, the JSC resolved to advise the President to suspend Judge President Mbenenge from his duties pending the decision of the National Assembly as contemplated in section 177 of the Constitution.

Issued by the Secretariat of the Judicial Service Commission

Date: 27 July 2026

Inquiries: Adv S Baloyi SC – 083 631 5741; Mr M Mangena – 082 731 7086

¹ President of the Republic of South Africa.

² Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.