

Government clarifies the facts of principal Hendricks's case

THE article "Principal cleared of charges" (Cape Argus, July 25) refers. We would like to point out some inaccuracies in the article.

The investigation was conducted over a period of four years and was withdrawn after representations were made by the attorney of the accused.

An independent forensic investigation was also conducted. The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, with the support of the Hawks, has made representations to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to have the matter re-examined. Here are the incorrect statements and our corrections:

- "Nadeem Hendricks has been acquitted of all

charges against him." The DPP declined to prosecute and no reasons were given.

- "Building rubble to be dumped at the high school last year." The building rubble was dumped adjacent to the school on property owned by the Department of Public Works and Transport, but which was indicated by Hendricks that it belonged to the school.

- "He was accused of leasing a portion of the school property." He was accused of leasing property that was owned by the Department of Public Works and Transport. Hendricks signed the lease, which is part of the evidence.

- "Hendricks was arrested by the Green Scor-

pions." Hendricks was never arrested, but was given a notice to appear in court by the Hawks.

- "The case was thrown out of the Western Cape High Court." The case was never in the Western Cape High Court, nor was it thrown out of any court. The DPP declined to prosecute.

- "Hendricks's health suffered during the trial." There was never any trial as the DPP declined to prosecute.

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