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LEFT: More than 700 arrests have been made nationwide to end the construction mafia. The criminal justice system has not been spared. The renovation of the Durban High Court, pictured, is one of the projects that has faced delays because of threats towards workers by the construction mafia. The Department of Public Works estimates an economic loss of more than R68 billion from stalled projects, with the figure predating the Covid-19 pandemic. Sihle Zikalala, the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, said: 'We will continue to work with the police, ensuring that these cases are prosecuted with speed because that will send a clear message to those involved in this construction disruption.' The construction mafia organise themselves into groups and invade construction sites, demanding money or a stake in development projects. (enca.com) | African News Agency (ANA) Archives

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