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Former Constitutional Court judge Mbuyiseli Madlanga leads the judicial commission of inquiry into the police.
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Former Constitutional Court judge Mbuyiseli Madlanga's judicial commission of inquiry into the police is set to begin proceedings on September 1. The public hearings are scheduled to take place at the Bridgette Mabandla Justice College in central Pretoria.

The inquiry has been tasked with investigating allegations of criminality, corruption and political interference within South Africa's criminal justice system.

Its scope extends to major state institutions, including the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), the South African Police Service (Saps) and the State Security Agency (SSA).

The commission has the authority to summon individuals for testimony, among other functions, as outlined in the terms of reference published in the Government Gazette last month.

A preliminary report is expected within three months, followed by a final report in six months, although the timeframe may be extended if necessary. President Cyril Ramaphosa has said the inquiry should not take longer than a year.

According to the commission, the venue is available free of charge, and the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development will handle logistical arrangements to ensure hearings start on time.

"Likewise, the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure is attending to alterations that will make the venue fit for purpose.

"It is important for the public to note that the commission's offices are not yet available for submissions, and further announcements will be made in this regard."

The commission was established after KwaZulu-Natal Police Commissioner Lieutenant General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi's explosive allegations.

These included claims that suspended Police Minister Senzo Mchunu intervened to disband the political killings task team in order to shield individuals linked to politically connected crime syndicates.

Mkhwanazi also alleged Mchunu had ties to tenderpreneur Vusumuzi "Cat" Matlala, who previously held a now-cancelled R360 million police contract.

A parliamentary ad hoc committee has been set up separately to investigate Mkhwanazi's claims.

This committee, which has until October 31 to complete its work, adopted draft terms of reference this week to guide MPs in conducting the inquiry. Hearings are scheduled to begin in Johannesburg and continue in Cape Town after Parliament's recess.