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Premier Dr Ramathuba Welcomes Court Ruling on Misleading New Age Article

Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba has welcomed the Pretoria High Court's ruling today that the 'New Age' article dated 19 August 2025, titled "Leaked Documents Tie Ramathuba to R1 Billion," was misleading and must be retracted.

Justice van der Schyff has ordered: "The respondents [The New Age/Douglas Ngobeni (Mhlongo)/Katlego Mamabolo] are directed to remove the article from all platforms under their control, including but not limited to their website, social media accounts, and any other media outlets."

The judgment further states: "The respondents are ordered to remove the link to the Article, causing the link, if and when shared, to automatically be deleted on all platforms where the link may have been shared, including but not limited to its website, social media accounts, and any other media outlets."

The Premier filed an urgent application to the court, asserting that the article was defamatory, harmed her reputation and that of her office and needed to be removed from all digital spaces where it was published.

"We sincerely welcome this judgment, especially given the urgency with which we sought it. It is disheartening to spend significant time addressing the actions of self-serving and malicious individuals when we should instead be focused on improving the lives of the people of Limpopo.

When the 7th Administration took oath of office on 15 June 2024, it committed to protecting the integrity of the state. We will not allow anyone to distract us from this mission," said Premier Dr Ramathuba.

Premier has indicated that she will explore further legal options if harassment of this nature continues against her and her office.

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