

Cadre deployment is racketeering and the ANC is a criminal syndicate

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Madam Speaker,

It has now become abundantly clear that the ANC in Parliament is doing its very best to run away from the findings of the State Capture Commission.

The Department of Public Service and Administration, too, has done absolutely nothing to uproot ANC cadre deployment, which is the fundamental cause of state capture and corruption in South Africa.

Since the ANC is apparently hard of hearing when it comes to the findings of the Zondo Commission, allow me to try and break the sound barrier with a few short extracts from the Reports' thousands of pages.

Keep in mind, these are not my words or the words of the Democratic Alliance.

They are direct quotes from the Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa.

Of course, the Reports flag a long list of ANC members, some of whom continue to sit as Members of this very Parliament and Cabinet, as implicated in state capture corruption:

Gwede Mantashe
Jacob Zuma
Cedric Frolick
Nomvula Mokonyane
Dudu Myeni
Vincent Smith
Malusi Gigaba
Zizi Kodwa

But, as the Commission's findings make clear, capturing and destroying our state is a team sport.

And accused number one is the African National Congress itself.

So let's look at what the Commission says about the World Champions of corruption.

In the first volume of the report, Chief Justice Zondo confirms, with reference to EOH and Blackhead Consulting, that these were:

"At least two instances [where] the proceeds of corruption were diverted to a political party, in both instances the ANC."

Later in the same report, the Chief Justice says that "in fact, there is another example. That is BOSASA...The evidence revealed that BOSASA made donations to the ANC in cash and in kind.

It cannot be that it only gave the ANC 'clean' money or that it did not spend 'dirty' money on the ANC."

In a subsequent volume, Chief Justice Zondo finds that a so-called "war room" provided by BOSASA to help the ANC during the 2014 election campaign was "a form of inducement and gain aimed at achieving influence."

The Report goes on to say that "there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the 'war room' facilities were received by the ANC...with knowledge on the part of ANC officials directly involved in the election campaign...The evidence in this regard establishes a *prima facie* case of corruption."

Then we get to the latest, penultimate, volume of the report.

Referring to the capture of Eskom that has plunged us all into darkness and is destroying South Africa's economy, Chief Justice Zondo unleashes the blunt truth by stating that:

"The ANC and the ANC Government should be ashamed that this happened under their watch. The question that the people of South Africa are entitled to ask is: where was the ANC as the Guptas took control of important SOEs such as Transnet, Eskom and Denel? Where were they? What were they doing? Were they aware of everything but lacked the courage to stop President Zuma and his friends, the Guptas, in what they were doing? Were they looking the other way?"

But, for the ANC, the worst is yet to come.

In the fourth volume of the Report, Chief Justice Zondo makes it clear that the fifth and final version will directly tackle the foundation of state capture in South Africa: the cancerous corruption called cadre deployment.

I quote from the penultimate report: "Whether the position taken by the ANC" – that it is entitled to deploy its own people or members to senior positions – "is correct, is an issue that will be dealt with in a later part of this Report."

On the 15th of June, when the final Report is released, the day of reckoning will finally arrive for the ANC's cadre deployment corruption.

That reckoning will hopefully also include a finding on the evidence presented to the Commission by Mr Francis Moloi, a seasoned career diplomat.

In an affidavit submitted to Chief Justice Zondo, Mr Moloi exposed how the ANC's cadre deployment committee "unlawfully nominated ambassadors, heads of mission and senior diplomats."

In exchange, these cadres were expected to pay debit orders of R2 800 per month to fund the ANC.

This revelation – that cadres were paying protection money to the ANC in exchange for employment as part of a global racketeering operation – confirms that the ANC is little more than a giant criminal syndicate.

Madam Speaker,

The work that the DA has done for years to expose cadre deployment as the root cause of corruption in this country will very soon bear fruit.

In less than one-month, South Africans will get final confirmation that it was the ANC, through cadre deployment, that caused the capture and collapse of our state.

When the truth about cadre deployment finally comes out for the whole world to see in the final Zondo Report on the 15th of June, it will put the final nail in the ANC's coffin.

On that day, the DA will stand ready to rip the heart out of the ANC's National Democratic Revolution and its ideological obsession with capturing and subverting every lever of power in our society.

We will do so because we know that the only thing keeping the ANC alive is the patronage and corruption that flows from cadre deployment.

Cut off the supply of corruption that flows through the ANC's veins, and it will wither and die.

The ANC and the Department have less than a month left to run from the truth about cadre deployment.

But they will soon find that there is nowhere left to hide.

Thank you.