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Page 11061 Page 11063 [PROCEEDINGS ON 7 JUNE 2013] Some of the documents are already exhibits, others are not. [09:37] CHAIRPERSON: The CV of the witness is in one of those files. I believe 2 The Commission resumes. I indicated yesterday that I hoped we'd be in a position to 3 they should have been given to you by now. I understand -4 make the rules which will apply to the future conduct of 4 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Are these the lever 5 proceedings on Monday but I understand that there are arch A and B that were certain things outstanding still being debated among some 6 MR NGALWANA: 6 That's precisely, yes, and 7 7 of the parties, so I'm afraid the rules won't be in place the Commission will see that in the statements file which just as soon as I'd originally anticipated, but I hope that 8 is bundle B, the supplementary statement -8 9 9 we will still be able to have the rules in place sometime CHAIRPERSON: I've got the index to 10 in the course of next week. Mr Ngalwana, I understand 10 volume A in front of me and I see that there are a number 11 you're going to lead the next witness, is that correct? 11 of documents listed with page numbers that are obviously 12 going to make things much easier. Those that are already MR NGALWANA: Yes, thank you Chair. 12 13 before us, you've already given an exhibit number. 13 CHAIRPERSON: Who is he? Who is he? 14 MR NGALWANA: 14 MR NGALWANA: General Mpembe. Yes, Chair. 15 15 CHAIRPERSON: CHAIRPERSON: But the two new documents General, please stand. Will you, are you prepared to swear or do you wish to in volume A are the provincial structure which is at page 1 16 17 affirm? 17 and the CV which is at pages 2 to 23. So I suppose we'd 18 GENERAL MPEMBE: I'm prepared to swear. 18 better mark those as exhibits. 19 19 CHAIRPERSON: What are your full names? MR NGALWANA: Alright, Chairperson. 20 I think best sit down first before you take the oath. What 20 CHAIRPERSON: Perhaps Ms Pillay could 21 are your full names? What are your full names? 21 help us. Do you think we should move on to H by now, HHH? 22 GENERAL MPEMBE: 22 MS PILLAY: HHH1, Chair. Zondasi William Mpembe. 23 CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, would you please 23 CHAIRPERSON: So the provincial structure 24 stand? Do you swear the evidence you will give before this which is page 1 will be HHH1 and I'll insert that in the 25 Commission will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing index as well and the document which is 2 to 23 will be, on Page 11062 Page 11064 but the truth. Would you please raise your right hand and 1 page 2 we will in fact put exhibit HHH2. Does that mean say, I swear, so help me God. all the documents in volume A have been -2 3 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** So help me God. 3 MR NGALWANA: That should be, yes. 4 CHAIRPERSON: No, I swear, so help me 4 Chairperson, perhaps just one last thing to explain. Even 5 God. 5 the police do have limited resources so what we've done is **GENERAL MPEMBE:** 6 we've prepared, I think six or eight sets of these files, 6 I swear. So help me 7 God. 7 not for everybody and our thinking was -8 8 CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, you may be CHAIRPERSON: How do you decide who gets 9 9 seated. Yes, Mr Ngalwana? I think - yes, he speaks them, do they have draw lots? 10 10 English. Would you please remind us, what is the - I think MR NGALWANA: No, no, Chairperson. The 11 it's already before us, the statement of the witness is 11 focus was on the Commissioners initially and then we 12 already an exhibit. 12 thought we should prepare one for the witness, one for the 13 MR NGALWANA: Yes, Chairperson. There is 13 interpreter, one for me, one for the attorney and possibly 14 an exhibit which is GGG12, I believe. The one that has 14 one for the evidence leaders, I'm not sure. They have -15 just been submitted is a supplementary statement which is 15 CHAIRPERSON: But inasmuch as many of the 16 not yet an exhibit. 16 documents will already be in possession of the other 17 CHAIRPERSON: Well, I haven't had 17 parties, you only need give them copies of those documents 18 anything submitted to me but presumably eventually things 18 that we've now referred to, in other words HHH1 which is 19 will catch up with me as well. Give me the new statement. 19 one page and HHH2 which is effectively 22 pages but I think Let's get all the housework, the homework done before you 20 they are entitled to copies of those, the parties who 21 start. Have you got a CV of the witness as well or is that 21 haven't been favoured with bundle. in the supplementary statement? 22 MR NGALWANA: 22 Yes, naturally Chair, and I MR NGALWANA: Chairperson, we've prepared 23 23 understand that has been done, whether -24 for the convenience of the Commission, two bundles, the one 24 CHAIRPERSON: That's been done, then containing statements and the other containing documents. 25 MR MPOFU: No, no, Chairperson I'm sorry,

Page 11065 we - well, firstly I think that we are entitled to the 1 MR NGALWANA: The second statement 2 bundles as they are but even if, on the limited basis that 2 beginning at 52 is a different statement, it's a typed 3 the Chairperson is describing we need - for example I'm statement. 4 4 lost, I don't know what A or B. We need to either to get CHAIRPERSON: Oh, I see. 5 5 an index or something so that we are on the same page. MR NGALWANA: It's a later statement -Alright. Well, we'll make CHAIRPERSON: 6 CHAIRPERSON: 6 That's a good point. You 7 7 should be given a copy of the index in volume A which lists that one, okay, we'll make that one HHH8 then and in the 8 index we will put HHH7 next to 50. At the moment it says 8 all the documents in that volume, most of which are already 9 9 before us as exhibits so you've already got copies, so you 50 to 54, we'll change that to 50 to 51 and below that we 10 won't have a problem if your exhibits are in proper order. 10 will put HHH8, 52 to 54. 11 There are two new documents, those are the ones I've marked 11 MR NGALWANA: Inasmuch as it's the 12 HHH1 and HHH2. Then - but you obviously need the index 12 statement of the same person, wouldn't it be preferable to 13 because you want to know what's what, to follow, in 13 call it 7.1 and 7.2? 14 addition to copies of those new documents you haven't got 14 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, well, I've marked it 15 already. Then as far as volume B is concerned, the same 15 already. Alright, if you want that problem, the same point arises in the sense that most of If I could just indicate, the 16 16 MS PILLAY: difference between the two is that the one is a manuscript 17 the documents in B are already before us but there are -17 18 there are six new documents which are not previously 18 and the other is typed. 19 exhibits. The first one is what they call 1A in file B. 19 CHAIRPERSON: - they can just stay at 20 It's called a supplementary statement and that will be, 20 HHH7 then. 21 that's page 1A actually and that will be exhibit HHH3. 21 MR NGALWANA: It's not the same 22 Then we have a statement by Colonel Vermaak which is 22 statement, Chairperson. 23 exhibit GGG17 but there's a copy attached with two further 23 CHAIRPERSON: Alright, well I've changed 24 pages. 24 it now to triple - so as not to give the impression of 25 MR NGALWANA: No, I think it's a 25 obstinacy. The first one is HHH7.1 and the second is Page 11066 1 different statement, Chair. 2 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, that's what I mean but

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     that doesn't appear to be an exhibit, is that correct? So
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     that then will be HHH4, that's pages 29 and 30 of index B.
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            MS PILLAY:
                              Chair, could we just have the
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    date of that statement to distinguish it from the other
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    statements of Colonel Vermaak?
           CHAIRPERSON:
                                  It looks like the 30th of
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     August 2012. It's a two page document. Then the next
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    document is a statement dated the 5th of November by Colonel
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     Vermaak, that's pages 31 to 32 of volume B. That will be
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    HHH5. That's followed by a further statement, the Colonel
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    has made a number of statements, a further statement dated
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    the 4th of February 2013, that's HHH6 and that is marked as
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    5 in volume B. It's a handwritten statement, it's in
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    Afrikaans. It's only one page essentially, the second page
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    is just the signature and so on. Then the next document
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    that's not before us is a statement by Mohammed Cassim
     which is 8, marked 8 in index, in volume B, pages 50 to 54.
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    This will be HHH7.
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there are in fact two statements under A, they've just been

May I say, Chairperson,

Two statements, how do you

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MR NGALWANA:

CHAIRPERSON:

mean two statements under A?

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treated as one.

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HHH7.2 and that's the one pages 52 to 54. And then we have
    a statement marked 14, number 14, which is page 179.
    That's a statement by Warrant Officer Mesinya and that will
    be HHH8, so we finally got to HHH8 that remains as such.
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    Have I marked everything that has to be marked?
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           MR NGALWANA:
                                 I believe so, yes
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    Chairperson.
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 Alright, so we're now ready
    to proceed with the evidence of the Major-General.
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           MR NGALWANA:
                                 Thank you, Chair, and I
    believe the index has already been circulated so the
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    parties should be able to follow the evidence.
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 Proceed, Mr Ngalwana.
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           MR NGALWANA:
                                 Thank you, Chairperson.
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           ZONDASI WILLIAM MPEMBE:
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           EXAMINATION BY MR NGALWANA:
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    good morning.
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           GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                     Good morning, Advocate.
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           MR NGALWANA:
                                 You have already deposed to
    a supplementary statement as well as the original 56
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    paragraph statement. We're not going to go into great
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    detail about that but there has been some challenge as
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    regards whether you were a suitable person to be an overall
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    commander and I want us to try and put that to bed, if we
    may. We start with what appears at the first volume, which
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MR NGALWANA:

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Now you -

Page 11069 Page 11071 is the documents volume, which places you in the province. CHAIRPERSON: 1 I'm sorry to interrupt you. It's a provincial structure and organogram. Would you 2 I notice that this document is headed "Provincial 3 care, very briefly General, to take the Commission through organisational structure, South African Police Service 4 the organogram as far as it relates to you? It's on page 1 North-West as on 1 May 2013." Now were there any changes 5 5 of bundle A. between the situation as it existed during the period that 6 6 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** Chairperson, I am a we're interested in from the 9th of August to the 16th of 7 7 August and the few days thereafter, and the 1st of May or Deputy Provincial Commissioner responsible for operational 8 8 services. According to the provincial organisational does this document set out completely and accurately the 9 structure, I would like to point out that the Provincial 9 organisational structure as it existed in August 2012? 10 Commissioner, she is at the top there in the box as a 10 [09:57] GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, in August 11 Provincial Commissioner of the province, Lieutenant-General 11 it was the same structure. Mbombo. Next to the office of Lieutenant-General Mbombo we 12 12 MR NGALWANA: Thank you. You've also 13 find that it's a Deputy Provincial Commissioner Operations 13 submitted a short, we call it a CV but in effect it's an 14 14 Officer, that is Major-General Naidoo. account of your progress in the police service. Your 15 MR NGALWANA: Sorry to interrupt you, 15 development in the police service and that appears under General. I'm not sure if the Commissioners are with us. the second flag at page 2 of the second bundle, of bundle 16 Has the Chairperson found the organogram? B, sorry bundle A. Can I take you to the very first page, 17 17 18 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, you'll be surprised to not the cover page of the CV, the second page. The heading 19 hear he has. 19 is Employment History. You refer to having undergone basic 20 MR NGALWANA: Thank you, Chair. 20 training, I'd like you to focus specifically on your 21 CHAIRPERSON: Sorry if I disappointed 21 training on crowd management. Could you take the 22 Commission through very briefly, General? 22 you. 23 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** There are lines of, 23 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** Chairperson, immediately 24 there are six Deputy Provincial Commissioners on the 24 when I completed my basic training in December 1986 I 25 extreme left hand side you'll find that there is Deputy underwent a course that is called riot control course in Page 11070 Page 11072 1987. The course it was offered for three weeks, the 1 Provincial Commissioner operational services, it's myself, 2 Deputy Provincial Commissioner crime detection, Majorcourse it is still valid. The course it is still being 3 General Jumani, Deputy Provincial Commissioner physical 3 offered at the college. There are certain amendments, for 4 resources management, Major-General Molale, Deputy 4 example at that time it was the Riot Control Act and in Provincial Commissioner human resource management, Major-5 1993 after the Commission of Inquiry, Goldstone Commission General Molefi. Chairperson, I would like to point out 6 of Inquiry there was a change in terms of the Act, that is 6 7 that in the province we have 12 clusters, we have 82 police 7 the Regulation of Gatherings Act, Act Number 205 of 1993. 8 8 stations. In addition to that, visible policing, all Chairperson, I remember vividly well that we were also 9 9 specialised units in the province they do fall under me. retrained in the province, in all provinces with regard to The cluster commanders are reporting to the Provincial 10 the changes that were brought by the Regulation of 10 11 11 Commissioner through my office. Gatherings Act. 12 MR NGALWANA: So just to point out one 12 MR NGALWANA: General, could you give some detail as regards what the training entailed. What 13 example, Brigadier Calitz who is responsible as provincial 13 head detective services - oh, sorry, provincial head 14 was it that you were trained on during the riot, when it 14 15 15 operational response services, reports to - is it you or was called the Riot Control Course? does he report to the Provincial Commissioner through you? 16 16 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** Chairperson, we were 17 **GENERAL MPEMBE: Brigadier Calitz reports** 17 trained in the policies as I have indicated, the policy 18 directly to me as the provincial head, operational response 18 that I've mentioned is the legal policy, we were also 19 service. 19 trained in terms of Standing Order 262. That is being here 20 And of course we know that 20 attached as FFF1. We were also trained with regard to the MR NGALWANA: 21 he was the operational commander for the platinum, 21 policies with regard to the by then riot control and then Operation Platinum, is that correct? this time it is also as I've indicated with crowd 22 GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, it is 23 23 management. We were also trained in the compilation of the 24 correct. 24 plans, assessments in terms of planning. We were trained

in terms of the pre-planning phase and as well as the

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1	execution phase. Chairperson, we were also trained in	1	HHH3 as well. That's the supplementary statement which is
2	crowd management, by then it was Crowd Control Action Mode.	2	pages 1A to 14A of the bundle B. D you confirm that as
3	The application of these action modes with regard to law.	3	well.
4	Chairperson, we were also trained by then how to go out of	4	GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes, Chairperson, I will
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5	the - we were calling it Nyala, a hippo by then now it's	5	confirm it, there are some amendments that I would like to
6	being Nyala and to do crowd formation. We were trained how	6	point out from the beginning.
7	to use the CS, we had to go through the CS without the	7	MR NGALWANA: Well let's deal with those
8	mask.	8	now. Which of those amendments, General?
9	MR NGALWANA: When you say CS, do you	9	GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, under
10	mean CS gas?	10	paragraph 7 of "being instructed," I would like that, it
11	GENERAL MPEMBE: CS, yes.	11	should be, it should read "requested."
12	CHAIRPERSON: It's commonly called	12	CHAIRPERSON: I don't see that. You said
13	teargas.	13	page 4A is it? Para 7. We're talking about the
14	GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes, it's a teargas,	14	supplementary statement are we?
15	Chairperson, you're correct. Chairperson, we were trained	15	GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes.
16	by then to use the 37 millimetre launcher which is now	16	CHAIRPERSON: Now where is the change
17	improved to a 40 millimetre launcher. We used the 37	17	that you want to -
18	millimetre launcher to use it when we were doing the tear	18	MR NGALWANA: Can I be of assistance,
19	smoke and the rubber bullets and now it is still also that	19	Chair?
20	40 millimetre which has been improved, it's still used for	20	CHAIRPERSON: Yes, please.
21	the tear smoke as well as the impact rounds.	21	MR NGALWANA: If Chairperson looks at the
22	CHAIRPERSON: Forgive my ignorance but	22	right indent, Chair, four lines, it's the fourth line.
23	what are impact rounds?	23	CHAIRPERSON: Oh, "it was a spontaneous
24	GENERAL MPEMBE: It is also another type	24	event to which I responded within two hours of being
25	of the rubber bullets.	25	·
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Page 11077 CHAIRPERSON: Let's do all the other 1 1 corrections while we're about it so they don't disturb the 2 3 flow when he's giving his main evidence. Are there any 4 other changes you want to tell us about in, either the 5 original statement or the supplementary one? **GENERAL MPEMBE:** 6 No, Chairperson. 7 MR NGALWANA: Thank you. You then arrive 8 at Marikana on Monday the 13th of August 2012, General, 9 could you take the Commission briefly to what happened within your personal knowledge from the time you arrived to 10 11 the time you received this request from the PC to go and attend to the people marching from Karee Mine next to the 12 railway line to the time of the attack on the police? 13 14 GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, on the 15 early hours of Monday I was phoned by the Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Mbombo. I was from leave 16 and she indicated to me that she needs me, we should 17 18 accompany her and General Naidoo to Lonmin in Rustenburg. 19 On our arrival at Lonmin I arrived at an interim JOC which 20 is Joint Operational Centre and briefed by Brigadier 21 Calitz. And after Brigadier Calitz briefed us I saw a 22 number of people estimated by then between 2 000 to 3 000 23 at the koppie through the CCTV of the Lonmin. 24 MR NGALWANA: Just a moment, General. 25 What did Brigadier Calitz brief you on? What were the Page 11078 contents of his brief to you? 1 2 GENERAL MPEMBE: 2 Chairperson, Brigadier

GENERAL MPEMBE: I would like to state that only the incidents of those days he indicated to me that the violence was increasing and then also there were some deployments that were made and he has also made call 5 ups that are sent to head office and by that time he was 6 call ups that are sent to head office and by that time he 7 was under the supervision of Major-General Naidoo who was 8 by then the acting Provincial Commissioner when the Provincial Commissioner was on sick leave. Right then there is a 10 [10:17] MR NGALWANA: request made by the Provincial Commissioner, can you take 11 12 it from there? 13 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** After the briefing of 14 Brigadier Calitz, Chairperson, we went to a meeting with Lonmin, myself, General Naidoo and the Provincial Commissioner. In the meeting of Lonmin we were briefed by Mr Barnard Mokwena who is actually the senior person at Lonmin and he was also accompanied by Mr Hawker and Kwadi. 19 Chairperson, briefly they indicated to us the problems that 20 they have encountered since from the 9th and that they were 21 shocked with what has happened on Saturday and they also 22 indicated the labour problems that they have encountered 23 between the NUM as well as AMCU. 24 MR NGALWANA: Sorry General, when they say they were shocked by what had happened on Saturday what

3 Calitz briefed me with the incidents that were happening

since the 9th, the 10th, the 11th and the 12th and then until 4

5 at that time when he was showing me the CCTV camera or what

is happening at the koppie. 6

MR NGALWANA: What had Brigadier Calitz said had happened on the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th?

9 GENERAL MPEMBE: **Brigadier Calitz**

informed me that on the 9th the police station was informed

by one of the security personnel at Lonmin that there was a 11

gathering and these gathering they have decided that they 12

are going to march on the 10th. 13

> MR NGALWANA: Sorry, Chairperson, just to explain, just in case there will be some demurring murmurs with regards hearsay, Brigadier Calitz is coming to testify

17 later on.

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18 CHAIRPERSON: And I can say now that it 19 won't be necessary for counsel to cross-examine this witness about what Brigadier Calitz told him. They'll be 21 able to cross-examine Brigadier Calitz directly and that

should save some time. 22

General, you don't have to MR NGALWANA: 23 go into much greater detail about what Calitz told you but

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in very broad outline.

1 were they referring to?

> **GENERAL MPEMBE:** Actually they were

shocked with what happened on Sunday, that is the killing

of those two security personnel. Chairperson, in brief

5 they indicated that they actually don't know who are these

people who were involved in this violence. The term that 6

7 was used is that they were faceless. After the briefing we

8 went back to the JOC, when we were there at the interim JOC

9 Brigadier Calitz show me again the group that was moving

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from Karee and coming back - coming along the railway line. 11 And while Brigadier Calitz showed me that the Provincial

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Commissioner stood there and she said to me General I think 13

the situation warrants that as a DPC Operational service 14

you should remain and take charge of the situation.

MR NGALWANA: Let me just get some clarity. Were you given this request, or was this made of you in your capacity a Deputy Provincial Commissioner or in your capacity as overall commander of the operation?

18 19 GENERAL MPEMBE: It was made as an

overall commander of - my understanding is it was the time 21 that I am now appointed as an overall commander of the

22 operation.

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23 MR NGALWANA: Just so we make it clear, 24 General, sorry, were you appointed overall commander of the

operations before the request was made for you to go and

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attend to those people who were marching along the railway

line or after? 2

3 GENERAL MPEMBE: It was after the

4 Provincial Commissioner she has made an OB entry in the

5 JOC.

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6 CHAIRPERSON: Now of course we've got the

7 OB, the occurrence book, it's one of the exhibits and there

8 is an entry signed by the Provincial Commissioner. Just

9 remind us what does that entry say?

10 MR NGALWANA: Well the question, Chair,

11 is a different one, I don't if he's answering -

12 CHAIRPERSON: He's answering it by

reference to an entry in the occurrence book by the

14 Provincial Commissioner. I think it will help us to

15 understand the flow of what he's saying if we have a look

at that. So the notes in the occurrence book which is 16

17 exhibit FFF25, at page 4, entry number 37 where it has an

18 entry made by Lieutenant-General Mbombo at 12:45. Is that

the note that you're referring to or is there another one?

GENERAL MPEMBE: 20 That's correct.

21 Chairperson.

22 CHAIRPERSON: That reads, "And as shown

the different points of gathering, the planning is being

24 adjusted to disperse the gatherings. All police officials

25 on duty to conduct searches and confiscate all dangerous

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weapons." That's the entry is it? And then it ends up,

"ensure that the peace prevails." 2

3 MR NGALWANA: The question was a slightly

different one, it was this, when the Provincial

5 Commissioner requested you to attend to the crowd who was

marching down the railway line or next to the railway line 6

7 had she already appointed you as overall commander of

8 operation platinum or not?

9 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** By that time when she

requested me to go there I had not yet made a plan, so by

that time I would just say I went there as an overall 11

commander appointed but without a plan and relying on my

13 own experience.

> CHAIRPERSON: General, I don't think

15 you're understanding the question. What Mr Ngalwana is

concerned about is just whether you were appointed overall

17 commander first and then decided to go to deal with the

situation at the railway line or whether it was the other

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19 way around. That the request that you go - suggestion

perhaps is more accurate, the suggestion that you go to the

21 railway line, was made by General Mbombo before you were

appointed overall commander or after you were appointed

overall commander? I think that is Mr Ngalwana's question.

24 It's just a question of what came first.

MR NGALWANA: Perhaps can we phrase it

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like this? When were you appointed overall commander of 2

operations?

GENERAL MPEMBE: It was when I was

4 informed that I should intervene, that I should remain and

also address the situation at the Lonmin.

6 MR NGALWANA: Was it on Monday during the 7

day or Monday in the evening?

GENERAL MPEMBE: Monday during the day.

9 MR NGALWANA: Right. So you go to attend

to this crowd next to the railway line. Can we just take 10

11 the commissioners through what then transpired, very

12 briefly? And then how the situation developed to the time

13 when there were attacks on the police.

GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, firstly I

15 decided to take it upon myself to go to the railway line, I

16 called the commanders, that was Colonel Merafi, Brigadier

17 Calitz, Lieutenant-Colonel Tsiloane and it was also

18 Lieutenant Baloyi. There were other also members from

19 different units. I asked Colonel Merafi whether the people

20 have been orientated and he informed me that the people

21 were briefed when the report on duty orientated but he

22 mentioned also that because he's still waiting with them,

23 they are also further being orientated during the

24 operation. And Chairperson, I went to the railway line, on

our way to the railway line we also found some other

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members, other protestors. I informed the police that they

should search these people and check whether are they possessing any dangerous weapon and we found that some of

them they did have firearms and I said they must go to

Marikana police station to check as to whether those

6 firearms are legally possessed or are illegally possessed.

7 And the police confirmed with me that the firearms were

8 legally and I informed them, I instructed them to hand the

9 firearms back to the people. I was approaching the group

10 of people, by then my estimation at that time it was

11 between 100 and 200. I just wanted to say the number of

12 people that I was approaching. Chairperson, when I

13 approached them they went in a crouching position and while

14 singing a song, it has already been played before the

15 Commission. The words of the song I will not mention them

to the Commission because maybe they might also be 16

17 interpreted by the interpreter here, but to me the song was

18 saying that I must tighten up certain things so that

19 whatever I want to do I must know that I'm not going to do

20 it easy.

21 CHAIRPERSON: As far as I can remember we saw a video clip of this encounter and the song was sung on 23 it and it was interpreted. I remember the interpreter was

24 rather embarrassed in interpreting it and originally gave a

version of the words but later on he had to give the full

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                                                                                                         Yes. Chairperson, there
    wording so we're aware of that. You don't have to go into
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    it now. If anyone wants to investigate it further they can
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     but you don't have to tell us, we already know about that,
                                                                        have to intervene in any spontaneous group or any other
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     we've already seen the video clip.
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           MR NGALWANA:
                                                                        like to refer the Commission to FFF5, FFF1.
                                  Yes then you say to them
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
     I'm going to come, take us from there, General.
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           GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                        is the policy document on crowd management issued by the
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                                                                        Public Order Police. It's quite a lengthy document, what
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    negotiating, persuading them honestly and I realised that
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     they were very angry and I tried, I communicated to them in
                                                                        particular passage in this document do you want to refer us
    Zulu and they communicated back to me and realising that we
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    are getting no any other way or getting a conclusion,
                                                                               GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    Chairperson, I called the commanders. Then I said to them
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    my scene is that it is not going to be possible that we
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     could disperse this crowd. And I did that in a way to get
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     the feeling in terms of whether are they assessing the
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                                                                        basic principles but the one that I needed to speak about
     situation like myself and the majority of them they agreed
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                                                                        is the situational appropriateness at that particular time,
     with me and I need to point out Lieutenant-Colonel Merafi
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     did not agree.
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    page 4A.
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           MR NGALWANA:
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    just briefly what did he prefer you should do?
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                                     Colonel Merafi believed
                                                                        time I looked at that, even those others apply but in this
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    that we should disperse the crowd there and there. And I
                                                                        case I only want to refer to paragraph 3.1.2.
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     had a different view.
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                      Yes, thank you.
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                                   Can you tell us briefly
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            MR NGALWANA:
                                                                               MR NGALWANA:
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     what the reasons for that different view that you held
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                                                                        discussed in greater detail on page 5 in paragraph 3.3,
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     were?
                                                                        Chairperson. Yes General, so you took into account
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     [10:37] GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                         Briefly my view was that
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                                                                        situational appropriateness, you decided you're not going
     there is a railway line and I didn't know at what time will
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                                                                        to disperse people right there and then. You then decided,
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     the train or anything pass. Chairperson, you have been on
                                                                        you say in your statement, to rather escort them, form a
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     the scene. There is also a road that I thought is a public
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     road or a service road for the railway line and I realised
                                                                        through what then happened.
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    that it will be unwise to disperse there and I also saw
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                                                                               GENERAL MPEMBE:
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     just not very far from - I'm not good in measurements but
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    there is a business area just on the other side of the
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     railway line. At the same time, Chairperson, as I said I
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sort of basic line behind them. Take the Commission Chairperson. Always I was considering my actions that they must be within the law, then I realised that there are action modes that one will have to apply and at that time 14 it was escorting which -15 MR NGALWANA: Sorry General, before you 16 proceed, you indicated that there was some disagreement 17 with Lieutenant-Colonel Merafi. There has of course been a 18 suggestion that you changed your mind after officers of the 19 lower ranks were advising. Is that factually correct? 20 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** Chairperson, there is no 21 truth in the claim that I changed my mind when I was advised by the junior officers. 22 23 MR NGALWANA: Okay, then you -24 CHAIRPERSON: To interrupt you, you're referring to a claim that I've never heard of before and I

dangerous weapons, ja, that's right, not firearms.

CHAIRPERSON: "Their" not "fire."

relied on my experience, realising the mood of the

protesters and that they were at that time agitated,

refusing to drop the firearms, I thought that this is a

don't want to interrupt but the dropping of the firearms is

either new stuff that has not been read or just a mistake.

arms" but anyway let's get clarity from him what he meant.

I'm sorry, Chairperson, I

We think he said "their

Yes, I'm saying

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MR MPOFU:

CHAIRPERSON:

GENERAL MPEMBE:

Page 11089 Page 11091 get the impression that you are, quite appropriately, MR MAHLANGU: Sorry, I'm -1 2 CHAIRPERSON: 2 defending your action against critics who have - not to our Your function, I mean what 3 knowledge but who have, outside, criticised you for acting happened was - no, no, I understand exactly what you mean. 4 as you did, but can you tell me something about the claim He used the word "mlungu" you see, which you then, which 5 that was made against, to which you are in effect then pressed a button in your mind that you had to responding? Who made that claim? 6 6 interpret that from Xhosa to English. 7 7 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** Chairperson, the MR MAHLANGU: 8 CHAIRPERSON: 8 question that I was asked by the legal representative is And you then carried on in 9 9 that I changed my intentions. I think the criticism comes English, repeating what he'd said but with a bit of a 10 from Mr White to say that I changed my intentions because I 10 paraphrase and commentary of your own. May I suggest that 11 11 we ask him to repeat the previous paragraph of his evidence was advised by my junior officers. 12 in English, you can then interpret it into Xhosa and if 12 CHAIRPERSON: Do you say Mr - I don't 13 remember Mr White saying that but I won't quarrel with you there are any Xhosa words that the General uses, you can 14 14 about that. You say that that criticism is not justified interpret those for our benefit as well but I'm sure we've because it's not correct. You didn't change your mind 15 got a number of people here who are rather mystified. 15 because of what you were advised by the junior officers, is They've heard some evidence in English, they heard it being 16 17 interpreted in English and they don't understand what was 17 that correct? 18 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** That's correct. 18 19 19 Chairperson. MR MAHLANGU: The problem, sir, is I 20 MR NGALWANA: It's in Mr White's 20 think interpreting has been so much in my mind that it 21 statement, Chairperson, I'll find it in due course. 21 changes it automatically. I'm sorry for this. 22 CHAIRPERSON: 22 CHAIRPERSON: No, let's not hold up the It happens to everybody. 23 proceeding, I'll find it in due course. 23 MR MAHLANGU: Thank you. 24 MR NGALWANA: 24 Yes, please proceed, **GENERAL MPEMBE:** Chairperson, in deciding 25 General. that we should escort them, in my mind was that if we

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1 GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, within a 2 reasonable distance – as I have said earlier, I'm not good 3 in measurements - the police and myself we followed the, I 4 will say the strikers within a reasonable distance at the 5 back. There were some soft top vehicles that they were also moving on, they were also driving on the gravel roads. 6 7 And during the time when I was briefing the officers I 8 indicated to them that during my briefing earlier by 9 Brigadier Calitz what was happening, the modus operandi of 10 the strikers by then, it was to assault, maim or kill any person who is going at work. And when I was talking to the 11 12 strikers they also indicated that they wanted to go and 13 talk to Mlungu. 14 MR MAHLANGU: Mlungu meaning the white 15 person or the employer. 16 GENERAL MPEMBE: And as I was informed, 17 it was that now it means they were also going to the LPD 18 offices when we intercept them, that was in my mind. Mr Mahlangu, the witness is 19 CHAIRPERSON:

giving evidence in English and you are paraphrasing his

24 that, I've never seen that happen before and I don't think

it's a good precedent that we should allow it continue.

I'm sorry, Chair.

Now I've never noticed

evidence in English as well.

MR MAHLANGU:

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CHAIRPERSON:

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withdrew at that time then the strikers in the manner in which they are moving, they might also injure, kill or maim these people and at that time we don't know where they are staying and I find that it could not be acceptable to the community when they realise that the stability of the 6 police and we withdrew it and later something happens, I 7 understand that and that is my decision in terms of 8 escorting them. And that I was also entitled or in terms 9 of the same principle which I quoted and that is the crowd 10 management FFF1 that is legally, legal consideration. In 11 terms of section 9(1)(c) I am, whether legally or an 12 illegal gathering, you can escort it and determine the 13 route. In my briefing to the officers I said, as I have 14 already indicated, that we should make sure that they don't 15 go into the informal settlement or in any of the business 16 areas. No, I was talking about the residential area as 17 well as informal settlement. With the briefing that I got, 18 I understand that the people, this group was also in the 19 morning at the koppie. So they did go to the - in that 20 mine, not through the villages but they knew how to get 21 where they were without entering the village. Chairperson, 22 while we were escorting them and while I was also at the 23 back I saw them - because when they were moving towards the 24 kop, while they were also moving I saw just after a certain time, I saw as if they are also going to go to the informal

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Page 11093 settlement. I heard a fierce shooting from one of the 2 members and through that shooting I realised that the 3 strikers turned against the police. It was not a very good 4 scene. I saw Warrant Officer Monene being chopped and 5 killed in front of me. I saw how Warrant Officer Lepaaku was killed. Lieutenant Baloyi fought a fight, he defended 6 7 himself in many ways. At the same time the police came to 8 his rescue and he was saved, taken to hospital. 9 [10:56] Chairperson, I need to indicate that later I found out that the person who used the CS, it was Warrant 10 11 Officer Koen and Warrant Officer Koen informed me that he 12 heard an order and he couldn't tell me who gave him the 13 order. Chairperson, the emotions were extremely high but 14 as a senior officer at the scene, I did take control, cool 15 up the members and I said that the members should not follow the protesters because by that time I could see that 16 there is no more any attack and I said that we should 17 18 withdraw and we go back at the JOC. 19 I need to just state at the moment that I was 20 approached by Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak. Colonel Vermaak 21 said that at the moment my life is in danger. In 22 Afrikaans, "Generaal se lewe is in gevaar," and I said back 23 to him, "Salmon, ek gaan nie nou loop nie, ek sal moet eers 24 die toneel oorhandig aan Brigadier Van Zyl." 25 CHAIRPERSON: I said to him I shan't

just to go back for a moment to deal with that part before you carry on, if we may be permitted to say so. 3 **ZONDASI WILLIAM MPEMBE:** 4 EXAMINATION BY MR NGALWANA (CONTD): 5 may be happy to learn that that's exactly the conversation 6 that we had about five minutes ago. Chair, before the 7 General proceeds, you recall that there was reference I 8 made to a charge that the General was changing his 9 intentions on the advice of junior officers and I said it was Mr White. That reference is to be found at paragraph 10 11 4.4.12 of Mr White's statement. General - exhibit WW2 -12 General, could we take a couple of steps back and we're 13 still on Monday the 13th of August 2012. Let's start at the 14 time when you request Lonmin mine to provide an 15 interpreter. I think there's Mr Blou -16 CHAIRPERSON: That is the foot of 17 paragraph 12 on page 5 of his main statement which is exhibit GGG12. 19 MR NGALWANA: Yes, General? 20 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** Chairperson, I need to just state also that when I was going there I had Adv 21 22 Moolman who is a legal officer of the police, together with 23 Mr Henry Blou. 24 MR NGALWANA: Just for the record, who is 25 Mr Henry Blou?

Page 11094 leave the scene till I hand it over to Brigadier Van Zyl. 1 Is this perhaps a suitable stage for us to take the tea 2 3 adjournment, Mr Ngalwana? We'll take the tea adjournment. 4 [COMMISSION ADJOURNS COMMISSION RESUMES] 5 [11:35] CHAIRPERSON: The Commission resumes. We had a discussion during the adjournment with the 6 representatives of some of the parties in an endeavour to 7 8 reach agreement or something closer to agreement on the 9 draft rules and I'm happy to report that it seems as if 10 something positive may well come out of the discussions. 11 Major-General, you're still under oath. Mr Ngalwana, you 12 have questions for the witness? 13 MR NGALWANA: Thank you, Chair. 14 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Mr Ngalwana, before 15 you start I was going to ask, are you going to deal with the, that part of the incident when the General was 16 17 counting down, are you -MR NGALWANA: 18 Yes, we've just -19 CHAIRPERSON: We've actually gone ahead 20 of that. COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: 21 22 CHAIRPERSON: But that was the point where he stressed the direction that was necessary in the 24 statement and then - but obviously in the desire to get to

the main part, that got left out but it might be sensible

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GENERAL MPEMBE: Mr Henry Blou is one of the security personnel of the Lonmin mine. When I wanted 3 to request the interpreter, it was when I realised that the 4 strikers were talking to me in Fanagolo. Mr Blou, however, 5 he phoned one of the senior managers which I did not know 6 and asked him whether can't they send an interpreter. Mr 7 Blou informed me to say that the management said that they 8 are not prepared to negotiate with the strikers. I said to 9 Mr Blou, I don't say they should come and negotiate, I say 10 I'm only requesting an interpreter. He went on to say the management said that there are structures in which, where 11 12 grievances have to be raised and this is not the way. 13 Realising that I do not have an interpreter, I started 14 speaking in Zulu and I could see they hear me because they 15 were also responding even though some of them were talking 16 to me in Fanagolo. Chairperson, I do hear Fanagolo but I 17 cannot speak it properly because I once worked in the mine 18 before. 19 CHAIRPERSON: You said you can hear it. I take it you mean you can understand Fanagolo but you 21 can't speak it fluently yourself, is that the position? 22 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** That's correct, 23 Chairperson. Chairperson, after briefing the officers in 24 terms of intended actions, I said to them I am going to count for the protesters in tens. I was always keeping in

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    mind what legal action and I'm supposed to do and check
                                                                      the member must address them in a language that they
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    that all my actions within, should be in the legal ambit.
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            MR NGALWANA:
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    get to the counting, you said you briefed the officers
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    about what it is that they should be doing. Could you just
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                                                                      my understanding by that time that was a reasonable time -
    take the Commission briefly to what precisely it is that
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                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
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    you briefed them on? What did you tell them, the officers?
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                                                                      get to the counting, I know this is contained in the video
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            GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                      Chairperson, I said to
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    them earlier on that the way in which I see the situation,
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    when I count for the protesters to hand, to hand their
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                                                                      the strikers and what it is, to your recollection, that
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    firearms voluntarily -
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                                                                      they said in return and then what happened thereafter?
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  You say firearms, are you -
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            GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                      I'm saying -
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                                                                      (Speaking Zulu).
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Do you mean the weapons -
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                                                                             MR MAHLANGU:
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            GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                      Dangerous weapons.
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                                                                      spears that you have.
            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Did anybody, to your
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    knowledge, have a firearm - to your knowledge, have a
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                                                                      me, (speaking Zulu) I said -
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    firearm, of the strikers when you saw them by the railway
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                                                                      not going to give these spears to you, I said to them -
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    line there on the Monday?
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            GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                      No, Chairperson.
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                                                                             GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                             MR MAHLANGU:
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  So when you say firearms
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                                                                      don't hand over those spears I will not allow you to
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    it's a slip of the tongue, you mean dangerous weapons?
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            GENERAL MPEMBE:
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            MR NGALWANA:
                                   Can we just clarify -
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  You said when you count to
                                                                      will give you these dangerous weapons. I said, I asked
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    10 you expect them to hand over or put down, lay down I
                                                                      them where? They said at the mountain. Then I said I am
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                                                                      not going to allow you to continue marching while carrying
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    suppose, their weapons. Is that so? Is that what you said
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    to your officers?
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           GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                     Yes, that's correct,
                                                                      when I count up to 10 you need to voluntarily hand these
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    Chairperson.
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                                                                      dangerous weapons. Chairperson, at that time there were
                                                                      police on the line of the railway, there were police at the
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           MR NGALWANA:
                                  Sorry General, can we just
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    clarify this, your previous answer? Do you mean to say or
                                                                      back, there were also police at the side, there was also
                                                                      another police official of POP at the big stone where there
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    did you say that none of the strikers, to your knowledge,
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    had firearms or are you saying you did not know whether or
                                                                      was a place where they can go out. And when I said one,
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                                                                      they disobeyed the instruction and they moved. In
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    not they had firearms? I just want some clarity there.
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                                                                      accordance with my earlier briefing to the commanders, the
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           GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                     I did not know whether
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    they have firearms or not. Chairperson, to continue with
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                                                                      police they did not act.
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    the briefing and I said to them as I have testified
                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
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    earlier, the agitation, the mood of the strikers,
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                                                                      General, in what manner were they moving? Were they walked
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                                                                      straight up or how were they moving and what were they
    Chairperson, I did inform the police officials to say we
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    need to be careful so that we should not be seen acting
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    like in the case of Tatane but we should be seen as acting
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                                                                             GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                      actually charged and also moving in an almost, not
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    in a highly justified manner, taking into account what the
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                                                                      crouching but in a position as if they are charging and
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    Lieutenant-General Mbombo said to me. Chairperson, it's
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    correct that I informed the strikers in the language that
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                                                                      while also playing their weapons.
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    they understand, that is Zulu, complying with section 9 of
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                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
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22 the Regulation of Gatherings Act, where they understood
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                                                                      know, some - can you explain how they were playing with
    exactly what I wanted from them.
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                                                                      their weapons?
        MR NGALWANA:
                                  Sorry, just for clarity,
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                                                                             GENERAL MPEMBE:
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25 section 9(1)(c) of the Regulation of Gatherings Act says
                                                                      moving, they wielded their weapons and they were also
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                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
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    singing.
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  If I can interrupt for a
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                                                                      now, we can come back because I haven't made prior
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    moment, Ms Pillay perhaps you can help us. The transcript
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                                                                       arrangements.
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    of the video which deals with the matter, that covers the
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                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
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    matter the witness is testifying about, we're not sure
                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
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    whether it's QQ3 or RR2 or RR3. Can you tell us?
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                                                                                                      Have not. Alight, well,
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            MS PILLAY:
                              Just give me a second, Chair,
                                                                      let's move on and perhaps after the lunch adjournment if
    I'll tell you now.
                                                                      you - I'm reminded we're not sitting after lunch today.
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            MR NGALWANA:
                                   Must I wait, Chair, or
                                                                      Monday morning perhaps you can do it, so carry on with the
    shall I continue?
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                                                                      evidence as you lead it now and if you want to take us,
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  It would be helpful if we
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                                                                      with the witness, through the video clip then you can do it
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                                                                       perhaps first thing Monday morning.
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    get this because -
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            MS PILLAY:
                              It's QQ2, Chair.
                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Thank you. Now the video
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                                                                      well be done on Monday because I'm told the technicians are
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    clip has got one exhibit number I think and then the
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                                                                       not here today.
    transcript of the soundtrack is another.
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            MS PILLAY:
                              The video clip is Z1, exhibit
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                                                                      that and we can also do something about ascertaining
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    Z1.
                                                                      precisely what the relevant exhibit numbers are so that,
                                                                      you know, we can move forward without any difficulty in
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Yes?
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            MS PILLAY:
                              And the transcript is exhibit
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                                                                      future when we have to look at these -
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    002.
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                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
                                                                                                    Thank you, Chair.
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                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Thank you very much.
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                                                                      this particular video clip and transcript because it's
    According to our records it looks as if it's QQ3. There is
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                                                                       quite important for this part of the case, isn't it?
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    another transcript which seems to be QQ2. If we can't sort
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                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
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    it out quickly now, we can do it during the lunch
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                                                                       course the video clip doesn't quite cover the escorting.
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     adjournment but -
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            MS PILLAY:
                               Chair, I don't have an
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     exhibit OO3.
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                   Look at RR3.
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                                                                       address by the witness to the strikers and their replies.
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                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
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            MS PILLAY:
                               There's an RR2 which is the
    translation of ZZ1, it's the translation of -
                                                                       come back on another day about your exchange with the
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                                                                       protesters whom you call strikers. Can we just then take
            CHAIRPERSON:
                                   Well, that's it, you see.
    ZZ1 is the video clip of the General addressing the
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                                                                       the Commission through, you are now counting, you're
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     strikers at the railway line, is ZZ1, then the transcript
                                                                       indicating that you're going to count and they've moved
                                                                       through, you're saying in a charging position. What then
    of the soundtrack of that video then appears to be RR2, is
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     that right?
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                                                                       happens?
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            MS PILLAY:
                               It's the translation, yes.
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                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                   Well yes, it's the
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                                                                       the police line and they go in the direction of the koppie.
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    translation because it's all in Zulu or most - it's in Zulu
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                                                                       I said we followed them within a reasonable distance at the
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     and Xhosa and a bit of Fanagolo apparently. Anyway, this
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                                                                       back.
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    is why we identified the video clip and the transcript of
                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
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     the translation so that it can help us in relation to the
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                                                                       explain briefly -
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    evidence that's now being given.
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                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
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            MR NGALWANA:
                                    Chair, perhaps it might be
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                                                                       clarify for us where the police line was?
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    best to play Z1 and for the General to talk through it.
                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
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     Now I haven't made previous arrangements for this to be
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                                                                       what formation of the police as you are escorting them?
    played, it's just something that occurs to me now -
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                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                   That sounds, if I may say
         CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                       in front of us, we were making a line at the back and we
24 so, a very sensible suggestion. Let's go forward with
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                                                                       were moving with that line at a reasonable distance at the
    that.
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MS PILLAY:

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            MR NGALWANA:
                                   Was it a straight line
                                                                       QQ2 is the transcript of Z1. RR2, Chair, is a translation
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     behind the strikers as they're moving towards the koppie or
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                                                                       of one of the songs from Z1, the song that the General
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     were you flanking them?
                                                                       referred to earlier.
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            GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                      Chairperson, while we
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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     were moving at the back, at the back it was a straight line
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                                                                              MS PILLAY:
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
     but I need to state that there was a Nyala which was on the
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                                                                                                     Yes. Thank you, Ms Pillay.
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     left that was checking one of the area points that we
                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
                                                                                                      General, I shall ask you to
                                                                       - a video clip of your address and your interaction with
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     didn't want the strikers to go and there were also other
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     Nyalas that they drove and they were in line with the
                                                                       the protesters or strikers, as you call them, on Monday the
     informal settlement.
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                                                                       13th will be played now. I shall ask you to take us through
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            MR NGALWANA:
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                                                                       as the clip is played. You'll indicate when you want it to
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                                   When you say in line with
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     the informal settlement to the right of the marchers, just
                                                                       be stopped so that you can tell us, tell the Commission
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     explain briefly what the purpose of that Nyala was.
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                                                                       what now is happening and what's going on in your mind.
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            GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                      It was just not, to
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                     I take it you'll raise your
     block them not to go to the village but not to block them
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                                                                       hand when you want the clip stopped, if you'll raise your
     in front but just to block them to go to the village and
                                                                       hand when you want the clip stopped so that the technician
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     there were others, also soft vehicles after that Nyala.
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                                                                       can then stop it. You can then give some commentary and
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            MR NGALWANA:
                                   Just to clarify you, you've
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                                                                       then lower, then we can carry on.
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     already explained why but just in case it's missed, why
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                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                         Yes, Chairperson.
     would you want to block them from going into the village?
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                                                                                                     Can you see, from where
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            GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                      Chairperson, I testified
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                                                                       you're sitting can you see the screen?
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                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
     earlier to say that during the briefing that I received in
                                                                                                         I will see, yes, I'll
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     the morning, it was that when these strikers are moving in
                                                                       move to this -
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     that way they will either maim, kill or injure those that
                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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     are going at work and they also wanted to injure or, any
                                                                       see the screen because if you can't see the screen then the
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                                                                       result could be chaos.
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     other of the mineworkers. So in responding to that threat,
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     that's why then I decided that they should not move within
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     either in the informal settlement or any other location
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                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
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     because we did not know at that time who is staying there
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                                                                       useful.
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     of those people that might also be injured, maimed or
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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     killed by the strikers.
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                                                                              [VIDEO CLIP IS SHOWN]
            MR NGALWANA:
                                   Chair, I'm told that the
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     technicians have emerged and are ready to play the clip.
                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
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     Is that -
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                                                                       to - is there any comment you wish to make at this stage,
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            CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                       General, about what's going on?
                                   You're leading the witness,
     so if you want the clip to be shown now you may do so.
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                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                                                       I just wanted to say
     Where did they emerge from?
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                                                                       that he approached me to tell that where we are coming from
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                                                                       we didn't do anything wrong and they are asking their way
            MR SETATI:
                               Sorry Chairperson,
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     Chairperson the technicians have always been here and all
                                                                       to go where they are staying, but one could see the way in
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     they need is just an exhibit number. They say they're
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                                                                       which they crouched, the click of the weapons when the
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                                                                       police were approaching them and I'm just going to address
     ready to play that video.
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            MS PILLAY:
                               Chair, for the benefit of the
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                                                                       them.
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     technician, it's exhibit Z1.
                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                    Can I ask you a question?
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            MR NGALWANA:
                                    I'm told there are in fact
                                                                       How many members of the police service did you have with
     three exhibits, it's Z1, 2 and 3. I don't know what the
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                                                                       you at that stage?
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Well, let's take Z1 to

While we're waiting for the

videos if I may just clear up the issue of the transcript.

GENERAL MPEMBE:

estimated them at more than 70.

CHAIRPERSON:

that time I didn't lead them - I didn't lead them but I

more than 70? How many police people, police, members of

Chairperson, when I led

You mean the crowd were

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    the police service did you have with you?
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                                                                             GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                        On my side where I was
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           GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                     I estimated them more
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                                                                      standing, the railway line was on the left and the public -
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    than 70.
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                                                                      the road that I was speaking about is the one that they
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 There were 70 police
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                                                                      were crouching on it.
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                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
                                                                                                     And the residential or
    people?
                                                                      business area to which you referred earlier before the clip
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           GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                     More than 70.
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 And how many strikers were
                                                                      was played, where would it be in relation to where they
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    there?
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           GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                     The strikers, I
                                                                             GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    estimated them to be between 100 and 200.
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                                                                      left hand side, on the other side of the railway line.
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                                 Did you have enough members
                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
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           CHAIRPERSON:
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    of the police service to disarm these people? Or were you
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                                                                      with the clip.
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    outnumbered in fact by the strikers?
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           GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                     Chairperson, as I
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                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
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    testified earlier, is that not necessarily that we were
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                                                                      please, briefly? I'm not sure what's happening now.
                                                                      General, at the time you're addressing the strikers, as you
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    outnumbered but what I was thinking of, it is in terms of
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    the roads and the railway and that, not that necessarily
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                                                                      call them, and they are talking back to you, did you know
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    that we are outnumbered but that's why I went there with
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                                                                      the identity of the people who were addressing you?
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    the police.
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                                                                             GENERAL MPEMBE:
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           MR NGALWANA:
                                  General, can you just
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                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
                                                                                                     Okay, could we continue
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    explain the scene? Of course we can see the video but the
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                                                                      with the clip?
    transcript cannot see the video. Could you just set the
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                                                                             [VIDEO CLIP IS SHOWN]
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    scene as regards where these people were crouching and
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                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
                                                                                                     Okay, can you stop the -
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    where the railway line was and where this public service
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                                                                      essentially I'm not asking you now to interpret what you
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    road was? Perhaps if the clip could continue a bit so that
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                                                                      are saying or to repeat what you're saying, could you tell
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    you can see.
                                                                      in broad terms what the general message is that you seek to
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           [VIDEO CLIP IS SHOWN]
                                                                      convey to the protesters and what it's based on?
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           MR NGALWANA:
                                Okay, can you just explain
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                                                                      [12:15] GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    briefly what it is that you're saying to them there, in
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                                                                      in a best way to say that I need to explain to them to say
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    English?
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                                                                      the marching and also the gathering that has to take place,
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           GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                   I said to them we are
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                                                                      someone has to give a notice. There should be a convenor
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    the police and we came here because of what has happened
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                                                                      or someone that will have to give a notice and if one has
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    and the problems that we have as the police is what has
                                                                      to give a notice, then the police will attend to the matter
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    been happening and the problem that we have with you, not
                                                                      and arrange in terms of how that gathering has to take
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    that we are coming here to arrest you, is the possession of
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                                                                      place. I was explaining to them to say gatherings and
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    these dangerous weapons.
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                                                                      marching that is illegal, it's when there's no notice that
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           MR NGALWANA:
                                Chairperson, I'm sorry -
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                                                                      has been served and then in terms of the Regulation of
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           MR MADLANGA SC:
                                   Mr Chairman, may the
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                                                                      Gatherings Act such gathering and the marching, and
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    Commission perhaps ask my learned friend Mr Ngalwana not to
                                                                      consequent marching is illegal.
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    ask the General to translate what he is saying because the
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                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
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    transcription is there, but rather highlight whatever it is
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                                                                      saying now is what informed you in giving them or in
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    my learned friend might want him to highlight.
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                                                                      conveying that general message. You didn't in fact say to
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           MR NGALWANA:
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                                                                      them in terms of section this of this Act and so on, is
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                Sensible suggestion.
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                                                                      that - would that be an accurate assessment?
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           MR NGALWANA:
                                 Okay. Can you - can the
                                                                             GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                       Yes, Chairperson.
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    clip continue, please?
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                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
                                                                                                   Yes. Is there anything
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           [VIDEO CLIP IS SHOWN]
                                                                      else you wish to add, General, about what we've seen thus
           MR NGALWANA: Can you stop there? We can
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                                                                      far?
24 see now where they are seated. Where is the railway line
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                                                                             GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                       No, Chairperson.
   in relation to where they are?
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                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
                                                                                                    Could we continue with the
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    clip?
                                                                       maybe the conversation of that meeting took place.
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            [VIDEO CLIP IS SHOWN]
                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
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           MR NGALWANA:
                                   What is the general sense
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                                                                       can we just deal with whether the police, inasmuch as
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    of, what did you understand him to be saying?
                                                                       there's a request by the strikers that the police bring the
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            GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                       Mlungu to them, presumably with a view to resolving their
                                      My understanding was
    that we are not fighting you but we want to take these
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                                                                       labour problems, would the police be in a position to
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    weapons to the place where we are getting to.
                                                                       resolve labour problems between the strikers and Lonmin?
           MR NGALWANA:
                                   Okay, continue with the
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                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                                                       No, Chairperson.
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    clip.
                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
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            [VIDEO CLIP IS SHOWN]
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                                                                       course.
                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
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                                                                                                             But the question
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           MR NGALWANA:
                                   General, as you are
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                                                                       that you asked the witness is whether he contacted Lonmin
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    listening now to the strikers addressing you, what is going
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                                                                       on the 13th itself.
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     through your mind at this stage?
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            GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                      It was that they're
                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
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    saying we are not fighting you but we wanted to get our
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                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                                                                                             At the scene.
    salary, our salaries. We are working at the mine
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                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
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                                                                                                    That's correct.
                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
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    underground but we are not fighting. In my understanding
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    by that time it was saying no, we are not fighting you but
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                                                                       answered that.
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    we wanted to get our salaries increased with Lonmin mine.
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                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
                                                                                                    Yes.
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            MR NGALWANA:
                                   I take it that at this
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                       OO4 is a transcript of a meeting that took place on the
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    stage the difference of opinion between yourself as the
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     General and Lieutenant-Colonel Merafi hasn't happened yet,
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                                                                       15th. We'll get there obviously in the story. The question
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                                                                       at the moment is, when they asked to speak to someone from
    or had it?
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            GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                      Not yet, Chairperson.
                                                                       Lonmin and they put that to you on the 13th by the railway
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           MR NGALWANA:
                                   Can we continue with the
                                                                       line, the only representative you had of Lonmin at the
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    clip?
                                                                       scene with you was Mr Blou who was on the security side of
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                                                                       Lonmin, is that correct??
           [VIDEO CLIP IS SHOWN]
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           MR NGALWANA:
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                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                      Correct, Chairperson.
                                  Okay, can we stop the
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    video? Now it appears and I think we have a transcript for
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                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                   Did you convey to him at
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    this, that they want the police to bring the employer to
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                                                                       that stage on the 13th the request which he's obviously
    them to talk to them. Could you explain to the Commission
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                                                                       heard which had been put to you by the representative of
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                                                                       the strikers that they wanted someone from Lonmin to come
    why the police didn't or wouldn't do that?
           GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                       and see them then and there? Did you put that to Mr Blou?
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                                     By the time when we go
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    there, I was only accompanied by Mr Henry Blou but when
                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                      Chairperson, I testified
    they had, when I heard them saying this also came into my
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                                                                       on that when I needed an interpreter the management was not
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    mind and it's one of the points that later on I considered
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                                                                       willing, so when they were saying that, I found it proper
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    to follow them, follow it up and then I will also testify
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                                                                       that I couldn't go back to him because he has already
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    that I did also approach the mine management.
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                                                                       informed me that they are not prepared to negotiate.
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           MR NGALWANA:
                                 Yes and you said you took
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                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
                                                                                                   Right. Is there anything
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    this up with Lonmin management. What was their response?
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                                                                       else you wish to add from what has appeared on the video or
                                                                       do you want us to continue playing the video and then
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           GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                     I will testify that on
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    the 15th I did request the Lonmin management, personally so
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                                                                       you'll comment later, General?
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    through Mr Kwadi who was the labour relations officer and
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                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    to say that I would like to see the management together
                                                                       Chairperson.
    with the unions.
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                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
                                                                                                   Okay, play the video,
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           MR NGALWANA:
                                  Was Lonmin management
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                                                                       please?
   willing to come and address the workers where they were,
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                                                                              [VIDEO CLIP IS SHOWN]
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                                                                             MR NGALWANA:
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                                                                                                   Please stop there. Yes,
        GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                    Chairperson, I would
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                                                                       General, would you like to comment?
   like maybe to take the Commission to exhibit 004 where
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                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                      Chairperson, I just want
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Page 11117 Page 11119 to point out that at this time I realised that the found that that was not correct because the incident that 2 gentleman that was speaking there, he was actually giving he was referring to, it was the incident that happened 3 command to the others and the manner in which they were probably when there was a clash between them and the NUM. 4 responding, to me I find it really amazing. 4 CHAIRPERSON: It sounds like the incident 5 MR NGALWANA: In what way was he giving on Saturday the 11th in the vicinity of the NUM office where commands, General? Could you explain that briefly? 6 it was alleged that two of the strikers were killed. It 6 7 7 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** I could see that if subsequently turned out, I think it's common cause now 8 8 others they wanted to talk, voluntarily so, individually, before this Commission that two people were injured and 9 he would show them by means of the hands to say to sit down taken to hospital, two of the strikers but neither of them 10 and then he will, he will talk. died but it was a constant refrain from that time onwards 11 MR NGALWANA: Okay, could we continue 11 to the effect that two people had in fact been killed, two 12 12 with the clip? of the strikers had been killed by people who had come out 13 [VIDEO CLIP IS SHOWN] 13 of the NUM office but it's now, I think it's common cause 14 14 MR NGALWANA: General, and was the now that that was a mistaken impression, that the two were 15 general sense now of what you understand -15 injured but not killed. GENERAL MPEMBE: My understanding at this 16 MR NGALWANA: Thank you, Chair. One can 16 time, Chairperson, they were still telling me how many never be too careful these days. Sorry, Chair, I meant to 17 17 18 times attempts they were making going to the employer. say one can never be too careful as regards what is common 19 MR NGALWANA: Okay. Please stop the clip 19 cause and what isn't. Mr Mathunjwa gave evidence 20 any time you feel you want to make a comment. Could you 20 CHAIRPERSON: 21 play the clip again, please? and conceded that he was not satisfied or accepted that the 21 22 [VIDEO CLIP IS SHOWN] 22 two people concerned had been injured on the 11th and taken 23 MR NGALWANA: 23 to hospital but did not in fact die. Would you stop the clip? 24 General, you've testified that at this time you didn't know MR NGALWANA: 24 Thank you. Can we continue the identity of these people. Did you later learn what the 25 with the clip, please? Page 11118 Page 11120 1 identity of this particular person is? 1 [VIDEO CLIP IS SHOWN] 2 MR NGALWANA: 2 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** No, Chairperson. Yes, General? 3 MR NGALWANA: As you sit there now 3 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** I just want to point out 4 testifying, do you now know who that person was? 4 that at this time, that's when I consulted with the 5 GENERAL MPEMBE: That's correct. commanders. Chairperson. 6 MR NGALWANA: What was the content of 6 7 MR NGALWANA: 7 When did you discover who your consulting? What were you saying to them? 8 8 he was? **GENERAL MPEMBE:** That's when I briefed 9 9 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** Chairperson, after the them to say, realising the circumstances in which these event of the 16th when the, when all the people were 10 10 people are behaving, the agitation and the railway line, the public road as I've explained earlier on, that when I 11 identified by the mine. 11 12 MR NGALWANA: And who is that person? 12 started counting, I'm going to count for them so that they 13 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** It's Mr Noki. 13 should drop their firearms -14 MR NGALWANA: Could the clip continue, 14 MR NGALWANA: Their dangerous weapons. 15 15 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** please? Their dangerous weapons, 16 [VIDEO CLIP IS SHOWN] 16 I'm sorry Chairperson, I'm always going to the firearms, I 17 [12:35] MR NGALWANA: Could you stop the clip, 17 don't know what's the problem with the firearms but as a 18 please? Now I don't know if I heard him correctly. He 18 police officer maybe it's because I'm always thinking of a 19 seems to say two of their members were killed. Now, is 19 firearm. that what you heard, General? 20 MR NGALWANA: Yes, General, you were 20 Correct, Chairperson. 21 GENERAL MPEMBE: 21 still explaining what was happening? Anything else you 22 MR NGALWANA: Did the police subsequently said to them that you haven't mentioned yet? find out whether or not that had indeed happened? This is 23 23 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** I also indicated that if now before this address, before the afternoon of the 13th. they don't want, then we should allow them to go and - but GENERAL MPEMBE: I did follow it up and I I am going to indicate to them that I am going to count and RCHIVE FOR JUSTICE

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Page 11121 with the reasons that I have already given to the 2 commanders and then I said that we should then escort them. 3 MR NGALWANA: I take it, it's around this 4 time when Lieutenant-Colonel Merafi disagrees, is that 5 correct? 6 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** That's correct, yes. 7 MR NGALWANA: Now before we play the 8 clip, we resume with the clip -9 CHAIRPERSON: Before you do that, can I just make a point that it appears from paragraph 1 of your 10 11 supplementary statement, page 4A, which is in the second 12 volume that we've been given and which is exhibit HHH3, it 13 appears that what happened was that Lieutenant-Colonel 14 Merafi wanted you to disperse the, what we call the protesters but I prefer to call the strikers, wanted you to - wanted the strikers to be dispersed and arrested, as you put it, right there and then and you said it was unwise, 17 18 that it will be unwise to arrest and disperse at that time 19 and then you gave the reasons. That's correct, is it? 20 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** That's correct. 21 Chairperson. 22 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: General, was there 23 no plan on your part to arrest and disperse? You were 24 simply relying on their co-operation to put down their

weapons and leave, that was your approach.

2 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** There was no plan on how the disarmament would happen beyond the request by the Provincial Commissioner. 5 MR NGALWANA: You left out the first 6 bullet point. 7 GENERAL MPEMBE: "The group of protesters 8 were mobile, moving from one point to another when we 9 confronted them. There was no plan on how the disarmament would happen beyond the request by the Provincial Commissioner. There is a public and service road running 11 12 parallel to the railway line and civilians might appear at 13 any moment and be caught up in possible clashes between the 14 protesters and the police if they resisted the police action. There is a residential area behind the railway line, this was also sensitivity in relation to a dispersal 17 action. 18 MR NGALWANA: Could you explain briefly why it would be sensitivity, the residential area on the 19 20 other side of the railway line, for the record? 21 GENERAL MPEMBE: When the dispersal takes 22 place, there might also be the use of force or in terms of 23 either from the police or from the protesters. One could 24 not know what will happen but probably if any shooting had to take place or whatever, so that there's a sensitivity

there. You said what you were saying earlier.

Page 11122 1 GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I did 2 indicate earlier on that when I took it upon myself to 3 intervene, I relied on my experience. There was no as a 4 plan for that because it was actually, I took it as I 5 indicated there and as we were speaking there. There were others that were at the koppie, they were at the koppie. 6 7 So this was a spontaneous grouping, which of course at that 8 time we didn't have a plan. If maybe we can check in terms 9 of the time when the Provincial Commissioner requested me and the time when I was there. 10 11 MR NGALWANA: Yes, and you've indicated 12 in paragraph 7 of your supplementary statement the length 13 of time between the request by the Provincial Commissioner and the time that you were there, I think it's within two 14 15 hours. Just for purposes of the record, General, could you - purely for record purposes - explain the reasons or the 16 17 factors that you took into account why you wouldn't 18 disperse and arrest people right there and then as 19 Lieutenant-Colonel Merafi wanted you to do? It's at 20 paragraph 8 of your statement. 21 GENERAL MPEMBE: I said earlier on, the 22 railway line, the public road COMMISSIONER TOKOTA: General, can you 23

24 just read them as they - I think he wants you to read the

bullets there. There are the reasons, you stated them

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Page 11124 1 that I was referring to. 2 MR NGALWANA: You indicated earlier that 3 you wanted to stop people from going into the residential 4 areas. Would this sensitivity be the same reason as you had given earlier? General, you indicated earlier that you 6 didn't want the protesters or the strikers to go into 7 residential areas, correct? 8 GENERAL MPEMBE: That's correct. 9 Chairperson. 10 You gave a reason why you MR NGALWANA: 11 didn't want that to happen. 12 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** That's correct, 13 Chairperson. 14 Would that be the same MR NGALWANA: 15 reason as causes sensitivity in this bullet point that we 16 just read? 17 MR MPOFU: Chairperson, that's a leading 18 auestion. 19 CHAIRPERSON: I'll allow it, though, because I think the answer is going to be -20 21 MR MPOFU: The answer can only be yes -22 CHAIRPERSON: No -23 MR MPOFU: The evidence comes from the -24 CHAIRPERSON: No, the answer may well be something different, as I suspect.

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           MR MPOFU:
                              Well -
                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                       communicating there?
                                 Let's see what happens.
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           GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                     The sensitivity that I'm
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                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    referring here is when, if there can be a clash between the
                                                                       the JOC and also informing the Provincial Commissioner
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    police and the protesters. The one that I indicated
                                                                       about the situation that I'd encountered.
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    earlier on, it was that we did not know as the police whom
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                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
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    the protesters might injure, kill or maim if they enter
                                                                       terms what the nature of the conversation was, the content
    into the informal settlement.
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                                                                       of what you were telling them?
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                        I informed the JOC that
                                 You see, Mr Mpofu, the
    answer was no, not yes. It was a different sensitivity.
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                                                                       the strikers seem not to co-operate to hand over their
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                                                                       weapons, precisely the reason that I have given to the
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    The leading question seemed to indicate an answer that it
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                                                                       Commission, that I have taken a decision that we will
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    was the same sensitivity. The witness says no, a different
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    sensitivity. The first sensitivity was, if we tried to
                                                                       escort them. The same I did communicate to the Provincial
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    disarm them and disperse them at the railway line there'll
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                                                                       Commissioner and she said to me I am the best placed person
    be an all-out fight and civilians passing by and so on can
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                                                                       on the ground to take a decision and she agreed with me.
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                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
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    be injured and - but he allowed them to move forward but he
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                                                                       decision that you took. Can we continue with the clip?
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    wanted to funnel them away from the informal settlement
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    because they might go into the informal settlement and
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    attack people there because they thought they were going to
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                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
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    go to work or something of that kind. That he explains is
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                                                                       I take it at this time - well, did you know the identity of
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    a different sensitivity.
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                                                                       this person at the time he was addressing you on the 13th?
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           MR MPOFU:
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                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
                              Yes -
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 So your objection wasn't a
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                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
                                                                                                     Do you now know who it is?
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                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    good one, so let's -
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           MR MPOFU:
                              No, Chairperson, the law is
                                                                       I don't remember his name and the second time when I saw
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                                                                       him is when we were doing the inspection and he was walking
     that leading questions may not be asked. It's got nothing
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     to do with the answer. They may not be -
                                                                       with Adv Mpofu.
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                   No -
                                                                       [12:54] MR NGALWANA:
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            MR MPOFU:
                               - asked in cross-examination.
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                   But a presiding officer has
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    a bit of a discretion to use sensibly, which was the case
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                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
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                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
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     here. But you also summed up, I think, your reasons for
                                                                       point out to the Commission to say that speaker after
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     not wanting to take action by the railway line as you'd
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     been asked to do by Lieutenant-Colonel Merafi, to disperse
                                                                       speaker, when they were talking to me and emphasising the
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                                                                       fact that they are not fighting with us and that we should
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    and arrest, because you were afraid that it might develop
                                                                       go with them there at the mountain and when they are at the
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     into a Tatane kind of situation, is that correct?
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            GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                       mountain they will also co-operate, I just wanted to point
                                       Correct, Chairperson.
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            MR NGALWANA:
                                   There's one last bullet
                                                                       out to say by then I did not even anticipate that, what was
     point, General, you haven' read into the record.
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                                                                       going to happen on the way.
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            GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                              MR NGALWANA:
                                       "I did not know when the
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                                                                       even anticipate what was going to happen along the way, to
     next train would pass by. If it passed by during a
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     dispersal process, people might get injured or, worse,
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                                                                       what are you referring to specifically? What is it that
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    killed."
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                                                                       you didn't anticipate would happen?
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            MR NGALWANA:
                                   Can we continue with the
                                                                              GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    clip or is there anything else you wish to add, General?
                                                                       know what happened by then, with the benefit of hindsight,
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            GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                       Nothing, Chairperson.
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                                                                       I did not even know that on our way that there will be an
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                                                                       attack to the police, taking into account that in the way
           MR NGALWANA:
                                   Can you stop the - is that
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                                                                       in which one is working in terms of community policing, the
    you seemingly on the telephone, General?
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                                                                       relationship that I spoke with them, without even knowing
            GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, Chairperson.
                                                                       their names, I never expected them to do what could happen
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Page 11129 Page 11131 in chambers but perhaps this might be an appropriate time 1 on the way. 2 MR NGALWANA: Did you believe them, the to make a remark or two. 3 strikers, when they said when they get to the koppie CHAIRPERSON: I understand that when 4 they're going to lay down their dangerous weapons? General Mpembe described the situation when he saw his two 5 GENERAL MPEMBE: colleagues in the police being killed, being fatally Chairperson, even though I did not believe with them, but I was also having the mind 6 injured, the one dying on the spot, the other one dying 6 7 7 that if we continue communicating, negotiating with them, later and also saw one of his other colleagues who has they might also at the end hand over their weapons. survived, fortunately, but very severely injured, members 8 9 9 MR NGALWANA: Yes, General, you wanted to of the families of those persons found that very add something? 10 distressing and left the auditorium and I want to convey to 10 11 11 **GENERAL MPEMBE:** Chairperson, I saw it as them, on behalf of the Commission, our feelings of sympathy 12 an appropriate, from the side of the police to continue 12 and empathy. We understand the distress that this 13 through the negotiation as a gradual way of getting to 13 occasioned to them. I take it that's the point that you 14 resolve the problem. 14 want me to deal with? 15 CHAIRPERSON: 15 MR NGALWANA: Yes, thank you, Chair. Mr Ngalwana, I see it's now 16 CHAIRPERSON: We will now adjourn until 16 nearly 1 o'clock, so when you reach a suitable stage for us 17 to take the adjournment until Monday morning, would you 17 9:30 on Monday morning. 18 please let me know? 18 [COMMISSION ADJOURNED] 19 MR NGALWANA: Yes, we'll do that, 19 20 Chairperson. I was thinking of dealing with the 13th and 20 21 finishing it today, would that be -21 22 CHAIRPERSON: 22 If you can do that in two 23 minutes, Mr Ngalwana. If this is a suitable stage perhaps 23 we could take the adjournment now. It's a point from which 24 24 25 25 you can easily proceed, I think, on Monday. Page 11130 1 MR NGALWANA: Perhaps we could finish the

2 - I'm not sure how much longer the clip has to run. Is it 3 - well, Chairperson, we can adjourn now. We're in your 4 hands. 5 CHAIRPERSON: Before we adjourn I want to say that we've been following on the transcript that's an 6 7 exhibit and it does appear as if the transcript in fact is 8 not complete. Commissioner Tokota, who is able to follow 9 the - also, tells me that a number of things were said and in fact the General in fact referred also to things such as 10 11 the attack on the NUM office or the shooting at the NUM 12 office on the Saturday, which is not - and the alleged 13 killing of two people, which is not in the transcript. So 14 I would like to suggest to the evidence leaders that they 15 commission a further transcript of the soundtrack of this 16 clip, obviously with the translation, so that – which then 17 presumably will then be agreed, so that we have a complete 18 transcript because it's obviously a very important part of one aspect of the matter. Having said that, we'll now adjourn until 9:30 on Monday morning. Mr Ngalwana -20 21 MR NGALWANA: Sorry, Chairperson -22 CHAIRPERSON: Before we go you want to

which we came to see the Chairperson and the Commissioners

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say something?

MR NGALWANA:

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