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| 1 | Page 12759 [PROCEEDINGS ON 27 AUGUST 2013] | 1 | Page 12761 So in that sense none of the commanders could |
| 2 | [09:34] CHAIRPERSON: The Commission resumes. | 2 | have ever mentioned at the JOCCOM meeting or any other |
| 3 | When we arrived this morning we were told there was a | 3 | briefing that we had at the JOCCOM meeting that their |
| 4 | difficulty with the video and that has had to be sorted out | 4 | members were not briefed and that or any other indication |
| 5 | before we could commence and since that happened we've had | 5 | from members that they did not understand. But what is |
| 6 | to deal with other matters in chambers. So that's why | 6 | more important is that each commander did brief each member |
| 7 | we're starting now. I apologise to those who were | 7 | during the parade and they did inform all their sections |
| 8 | inconvenienced by the delay in commencing. Major-General, | 8 | and units about their roles and responsibilities. |
| 9 | you're still under oath. | 9 | Chairperson, the Commission will recall that I |
| 10 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, | 10 | did testify that all well experienced officers both from |
| 11 | Chairperson. | 11 | POP, Special Task Force, National Intervention Unit and TRT |
| 12 | CHAIRPERSON: Ms Le Roux. | 12 | did take place in terms of the planning processes. In the |
| 13 | MS LE ROUX: Thank you, Chair. Good | 13 | JOCCOM meeting the efficacy of the plan was discussed. So |
| 14 | morning, Major-General. | 14 | each commander had a well understanding in terms of the |
| 15 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Good morning, | 15 | plan and the execution of the plan. Chairperson, referring |
| 16 | Advocate. | 16 | to the smaller group, in any crowd management when you |
| 17 | MS LE ROUX: I'd like to start with a | 17 | disperse the group others will be dispersed voluntarily, |
| 18 | point that I said I would come back to yesterday and just | 18 | others when the dispersal process takes place they will be |
| 19 | to orientate you, this is with respect to the questioning | 19 | dispersed, for example when immediately before the barbed |
| 20 | for the cross-examination done by Advocate Bizos of General | 20 | wire is put in place. Immediately when the barbed wire is |
| 21 | Annandale which is at day 84, page 8842 to 8870 for record | 21 | put in place they will disperse from the show of force |
| 22 | purposes. You don't need to go there. The gist of that | 22 | putting the barbed wire, and after putting the barbed wire |
| 23 | cross-examination was that the plan referred to the smaller | 23 | if they are warned by the operational commander in terms to |
| 24 | group in the 3000 and his testimony was that there had been | 24 | disperse, they will also disperse. In a normal process of |
| 25 | discussions at the JOC around actions that could be taken | 25 | dispersing there will be that group that will be left that |
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| 6 | 000 persons. And he goes on to set out how they are going | 6 | from their own knowledge what was said in the JOC. |
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| 8 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, I'm reluctant to | 8 | CHAIRPERSON: They would only have known |
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| 17 | MR NGALWANA: Major-General Annandale | 17 | MS LE ROUX: Through you Chair, |
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| 3 | aspect of the plan does not appear in any of the statements | 3 | that. I don't want to stop the point you're trying to make |
| 4 | that South African Human Rights Commission has reviewed. | 4 | but surely it would be helpful if we knew how many witness |
| 5 | CHAIRPERSON: How many of the statements | 5 | statements as opposed to IPID statements there were. And |
| 6 | are warning statements and how many are other statements | 6 | if there was a significant number and these witness |
| 7 | that you found in the police hard drive, approximately? | 7 | statements were made by people on the ground who deal with |
| 8 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, I don't have the | 8 | the plan and it was explained to the them and don't deal |
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| 11 | don't know the precise breakdown between where they were | 11 | question. |
| 12 | all sourced. | 12 | [09:54] But perhaps you can point us to one or two or |
| 12 | | 13 | half a dozen of them. Perhaps you're not ready to do that |
| | 5 5 5 | 14 | now, perhaps you need a bit of time and perhaps your |
| 14 | there's a significant number of non IPID statements made by | | instructing attorney, Mr Fisher, can look at that while we |
| 15 | members of the police service which were made available by the police as part of their hard drive deal with the plan | 15 | |
| 16 | | 16 17 | move onto the video material that you want to put to the witness. Is Mr Fisher not the instructing attorney? Is he |
| 17 | but don't deal with the fact that part of the plan was specifically devoted to the militant group. Is that the | 18 | counsel from the English Bar, Mr Fisher? Oh the |
| 18 19 | point you're making? | 19 | interesting question is whether it's a diminution of status |
| 20 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chair, General Mpembe | 20 | or the opposite. |
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| 22 | remain behind and have to be dealt with. | 22 | instructing attorney. |
| 23 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, yes I heard his | 22 | CHAIRPERSON: Well she can look at it |
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| 3 | take into account that we'd have to hear 400 policemen. | 2 | CHAIRPERSON: It sounds like it and of |
| 4 | The extension we would have asked for in those | 4 | course, I want to say something, once you've finished this |
| 4 5 | circumstances, if we were going to do that would have | 4 5 | point about the other point that stood over from yesterday |
| | obviously been very different but I think it would be | | |
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| 12 | which has been exhibited as Z2. This is footage of the | 12 | of the police. |
| 13 | events of the 13th. And Chair, for the record if we could | 13 | |
| 14 | commence watching it at 14:27:30 and then pause at | 14 | CHAIRPERSON: But clearly if it's underway you've been doing it already, so it's not a |
| 14 | 14:27:56. To speed things along we'll see the teargas be | 14 | belated response to cross-examination. I don't think |
| | deployed, the protester group continues walking in the | 16 | |
| 16 17 | direction that they are travelling already and then we'll | 10 | anyone could infer that. Is this the document you wanted to refer to? |
| 18 | pause at 14:27:56 which is prior to the use of the stun | 18 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chair. |
| 19 | grenades. | 19 | CHAIRPERSON: So it's - I don't know who |
| 20 | [VIDEO SHOWN] | 20 | prepared it, it will be HHH39. It's a document on Crowd |
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| 3 | grenades. It's stated "They should not be thrown directly | 3 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chair, perhaps if you |
| 4 | to the participants, roll it down to avoid injuring | 4 | could let - |
| 5 | participants. Members must be warned before throwing and | 5 | CHAIRPERSON: I think Mr Ngalwana has got |
| 6 | do not use in a confined space." Now if we could return to | 6 | his hand on the button of his microphone, it looks as if he |
| 7 | the video to see how the stun grenades were used on the 13th | | wants to say something too. He may also be of help. |
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| 11 | directly into the faces of crowd members, as you can see | 11 | evidence was, Chair. |
| 12 | when they explode. Clearly not in line with the safety | 12 | CHAIRPERSON: I think that's as |
| 13 | considerations identified in the SAPS document that there | 13 | concurrent concurrence as we can accept, thank you. Ms Le |
| 14 | must be a warning, that they must be rolled and that they | 14 | Roux. |
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| 17 | friend can see what she's talking about. I certainly can't | 17 | the validity of the point you're trying to make - |
| 18 | see anything of what she's referring to, that this stun | 18 | MS LE ROUX: It doesn't. |
| 19 | grenade was thrown from a helicopter, it wasn't rolled - | 19 | CHAIRPERSON: The factual basis of it may |
| 20 | CHAIRPERSON: Sorry to interrupt you, I | 20 | well be incorrect. |
| 21 | don't think we've got there on the video clip yet, am I | 21 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, thank you, Chair. And |
| 22 | right? | 22 | my instructions accord with the evidence as were accounted |
| 23 | MS LE ROUX: We just need to - yes. If | 23 | by the Chair. At this stage and this line of cross- |
| 24 | we could just go back to the stun grenade deployment. | 24 | examination will be developed further so this point is |
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| 1 | or the members it's not in compliance with the safety | 1 | have been raised. I understand the point that you're |
| 2 | considerations. | 2 | seeking to make. Perhaps you could approach it slightly |
| 3 | MR NGALWANA: No, I have never suggested | 3 | differently by asking the Major-General if he knows what |
| 4 | that stun grenade were thrown at policemen. The simple | 4 | safety considerations should be applied in the case of stun |
| 5 | point I'm making she hasn't established that the people we | 5 | grenades, from your own knowledge as a Major-General. If |
| 6 | see there are not policemen but are rather protesters. You | 6 | he doesn't know the answer to that then I don't think |
| 7 | can't assume things and put - | 7 | perhaps he is going to take it any further as far as he's |
| 8 | CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, I think the answer | 8 | concerned and if he does know then he may be able to give |
| 9 | to that may be if one rolls the clip back, if the correct | 9 | you the kind of answer that you're looking for or you may |
| 10 | verb you see strikers marching in a column, now you | 10 | get the kind of answer that you're not looking for. But |
| 11 | remember the evidence was that the police were in a semi- | 11 | that's a chance you take when you ask the question. |
| 12 | circular arc behind them and I must confess my impression | 12 | Perhaps I can do that. Major-General, you've been |
| 13 | was that the people we see here on the clip at the moment | 13 | following the debate. You're a member of the service for a |
| 14 | were people who were previously part of that column. But | 14 | long time with extensive experience. Are you aware of any |
| 15 | if we look at the clip earlier than this I think that point | 15 | safety considerations which members of the force are urged |
| 16 | may disappear but the major point with the problem that | 16 | to comply with when stun grenades are used? |
| 17 | we've got is it looks as if the stun grenade she's relying | 17 | [10:13] MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, |
| 18 | on was not Vermaak's stun grenade but Baloyi's. And | 18 | Chairperson, it has to be rolled out in a manner that when |
| 19 | therefore if that's so the whole premise on which the | 19 | it explodes it's not going to cause any hearing problems to |
| 20 | question is based would be incorrect. | 20 | the participants or injure them, and it has to be done in a |
| 20 | COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Mr Ngalwana, can | 20 | manner that is actually a distance, because when it |
| 22 | you assist me with the origin of this document because I'd | 22 | explodes it makes a very high noise, and that when |
| 22 | like to understand the context in which the safety | 22 | participants actually, when protesters actually respond, |
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| 24 25 | considerations are suggested. | 24 25 | they respond in a manner that they get disorientated. It |
| 25 | MR NGALWANA: That's the question we | 20 | is almost similar like the bulletproof which when you roll |
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| 2 | when you're using stun grenades, don't throw them directly | 2 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General Mpembe, it |
| 3 | to participants? You've got a public protest or something | 3 | appears from the video that – and I'm not getting into a |
| 4 | of that kind, you're using stun grenades. Are they told | 4 | debate about what the distance was that was used by |
| 5 | don't throw the stun grenades directly at the participants, | 5 | Lieutenant Baloyi, but it appears from the video that the |
| 6 | or don't you know about that? | 6 | stun grenades explode very close, in the face of those |
| 7 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, only | 7 | people, and there is no evidence before this Commission – |
| 8 | what I know is that don't throw it in such a manner that it | 8 | CHAIRPERSON: I'm sorry, Ms Le Roux, |
| 9 | injured the protesters. | 9 | that's the problem, you see. You're using the words "very |
| 10 | CHAIRPERSON: If you refer to injury, it | 10 | close," and that's why Mr Ngalwana, I think if I may say |
| 11 | can include injury to the hearing? | 11 | so, correctly objects to, that if you've got a video taken |
| 12 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes. | 12 | from a distance and it's very hard to work out how far the |
| 13 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, for the reasons you | 13 | stun grenade exploded from the nearest person just by |
| 14 | gave. | 14 | looking a the video. Maybe when we get some direct |
| 15 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: That's right. | 15 | evidence on that you'll be in a stronger position, but you |
| 16 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General, I want you to | 16 | can perhaps put the question less precisely than you have |
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| 2 | because the detail is important. Are you saying that on | 2 | subsequently, later, but I knew of Colonel Vermaak. |
| 3 | the 16th you told the – sorry, on the 13th you told the | 3 | CHAIRPERSON: [Microphone off, inaudible] |
| 4 | Provincial Commissioner nothing about Lieutenant Baloyi | 4 | summarise your evidence incorrectly when I said I |
| 5 | using a stun grenade? | 5 | understood you to say - but I may have misunderstood you, |
| 6 | CHAIRPERSON: I don't understand him to | 6 | I'm not putting anything to you – that you knew that a stun |
| 7 | say that, but perhaps, you know you did interrupt him while | 7 | grenade had been used on the ground and that also stun |
| 8 | he was giving his evidence. Perhaps you must give him a | 8 | grenades had been used from the air from a helicopter. Is |
| 9 | chance to finish his answer and then you can ask your | 9 | that wrong? You say you knew about Lieutenant-Colonel |
| 10 | question. But did I understand you correctly to say you | 10 | Vermaak's stun grenades from the helicopter. Did you not |
| 11 | did tell her, you spoke to her on the telephone initially, | 11 | know at the time that a stun grenade had, before |
| 12 | she then came to Marikana and you saw her again, and you | 12 | Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak threw his stun grenades, that a |
| 13 | also saw General Annandale and the National Commissioner, | 13 | stun grenade had been used on the ground? Did you not know |
| 14 | but you said you saw them separately. When you spoke to | 14 | that at all on the 13th? |
| 15 | the Provincial Commissioner at Marikana, I thought I heard | 15 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, |
| 16 | you say that you did tell her that Baloyi had fired off a | 16 | Chairperson. |
| 17 | stun grenade, but you didn't mention that he alleged he did | 17 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General, did you tell |
| 18 | so in circumstances of self-defence because you only heard | 18 | the Provincial Commissioner that stun grenades were used |
| 19 | that later. Is that an accurate summary of what you say? | 19 | before the attack on SAPS members? |
| 20 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, when | 20 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson. |
| 21 | I inform the Provincial Commissioner, by that time on the | 21 | CHAIRPERSON: I take it you knew that a |
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| 23 | subsequently, later on – | 23 | members. In fact you described it earlier in your evidence |
| 24 | CHAIRPERSON: Okay, I misunderstood. | 24 | as being the spark that caused the problem. You remember |
| 25 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: But I knew of | 25 | that was the evidence you gave? You obviously knew that. |
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| 11 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, maybe | 11 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, yes, I understand. |
| 12 | I need the clarity; is it with regard to specifically the | 12 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes. |
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| 2 | didn't on the 15th. I only spoke to her only on the 14th to | 2 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I just wanted to |
| 3 | tell her in terms of what we built on from what has | 3 | ask what is the number in terms of the document that you |
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| 4 | happened on the, on Monday. | | give it to me? |
| 5 | CHAIRPERSON: Ja. No, no, I see. | 5 | CHAIRPERSON: It didn't have – you see |
| 6 | MS LE ROUX: Thank you, Chair. Major- | 6 | the problem which you have and Mr Ngalwana had as well was |
| 7 | General, when you spoke to the Provincial Commissioner, as | 7 | it didn't have a number; it's just got a number now. This |
| 8 | you've just testified, on the 14th and the 15th, did you | 8 | is what it looks like. |
| 9 | tell her that you had established that the teargas had been | 9 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Okay. |
| 10 | used without authority? | 10 | CHAIRPERSON: You see? It's headed |
| 11 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I | 11 | "Realtime Transcriptions," and then it goes "Transcription |
| 12 | told her that according to Warrant-Officer Kuhn is that he | 12 | of the Commission of Inquiry, Marikana, Media briefing held |
| 13 | heard an instruction, even though he did not see the | 13 | on 16 July 2012." It hasn't got a number, but I've marked |
| 14 | command, he did not see the person who gave the command. | 14 | it HHH40. |
| 15 | MS LE ROUX: And when you briefed, when | 15 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, if I could assist the |
| 16 | you spoke to the Provincial Commissioner on the 14th or the | 16 | witness, it's item 21 on the list of documents provided to |
| 17 | 15th, did you tell her that Lieutenant Baloyi was of the | 17 | you to be used in cross-examination. Item 21. |
| 18 | view, that Lieutenant Baloyi says he used the stun grenade | 18 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Okay. Thanks, |
| 19 | in self-defence? | 19 | Chairperson. |
| 20 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: With regard to | 20 | CHAIRPERSON: Now the next question I |
| 21 | Lieutenant Baloyi it was long after he has also gone out | 21 | must ask you before counsel proceeds is have you had a |
| 22 | from hospital, not on the 15th. | 22 | chance to read the document? |
| 23 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General, could you | 23 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes, Chairperson, |
| 24 | turn to a document that has been provided to you, I believe | 24 | I did have a chance to read the document. Maybe if, before |
| 25 | it will become exhibit HHH40, which is the transcript of | 25 | the question is asked, I just wanted to check the date |
| 1 | Page 12804 | 1 | Page 12806 |
| 1 | the media briefing by the Provincial Commissioner on the | 1 | there, which date was that, because I see it says "Held on |
| 2 | 16th of August. | 2 | 16 July" – CHAIRPERSON: It says 16 July. |
| 3 | MR NGALWANA: I'm not aware of any HHH40, | 3 | |
| 4 | Chair. The last I heard is HHH39 – | 4 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes, Chairperson. |
| 5 | MS LE ROUX: That will be the next | 5 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, some of the people |
| 6 | number. | 6 | connected with the events are challenged as far as months |
| 7 | CHAIRPERSON: She spoke prophetically. | / | of the year are concerned. They get the months wrong. |
| 8 | She said she thought it would be HHH40. The next exhibit | 8 | This is one of the examples. It should obviously be 16 |
| 9 | number is HHH40. It's the document I'm holding up. Is | 9 | August. |
| 10 | that correct? | 10 | [10:53] MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Okay, Chairperson. |
| 11 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chairperson. Major- | 11 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General, could I ask |
| 12 | General, do you have that transcript? | 12 | you to turn to page 3 of that transcript, and if you could |
| 13 | CHAIRPERSON: No, let's put Mr Ngalwana | 13 | direct your attention to the middle of the page at line 8 |
| 14 | out of his misery. I'm marking it HHH40. | 14 | to line 15 where the Provincial Commissioner, and I'll just |
| 15 | MS LE ROUX: Thank you, Chair. | 15 | read it for the record, the Provincial Commissioner is |
| 16 | CHAIRPERSON: [Microphone off, inaudible] | 16 | describing the incident of the 13th of August, she says the |
| 17 | document that I'm holding up to you, Major-General, this is | 17 | following, someone whose name is inaudible, I don't know if |
| 18 | the document that's referred to. Do you see it? | 18 | we can assume that that is you, but she says, "reported to |
| 19 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes, Chairperson, | 19 | me they moved. They showed interest of leaving, although |
| 20 | Ljust – | 20 | they indicated that they are not going to lay down their |
| 21 | CHAIRPERSON: It was in the bundle of | 21 | weapons and they were leaving. Our cops were trying to |
| 22 | documents that we got and you got. | 22 | assist the move. All of a sudden they turned and advanced |
| 23 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes. | 23 | to the police. In that advancement, confrontation started, |
| 24 | CHAIRPERSON: You may take time to find | 24 | and that's when we lost two of our cops and three members |
| | it. When you've found it, will you let me know and then we | 25 | from the public of those members that were there. Very |
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| 1 | unfortunate; very sadly." | 1 | records that 17 of the 28 make no mention of the use of |
| 2 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, you've read on to line | 2 | teargas and stun grenades before the attack on police. |
| 3 | 15 in fact. You've read lines 8 to 15. | 3 | Chair - |
| 4 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chair. So Major- | 4 5 | CHAIRPERSON: So I see, sorry - |
| 5 | General, the South African Human Rights Commission in due | 5 | MS LE ROUX: So I don't want to go |
| 6 | course will make submissions to this Commission that the | 6 | statement by statement with Major-General. |
| 7 | Provincial Commissioner's briefing, to the extent that it | 7 | CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, thank you for |
| 8 | was informed by your briefing of her about the 13th of | 8 | the document. Before you proceed I said I would give the |
| 9 | August, doesn't seem to take account of the provocative | 9 | ruling on the point that stood over from yesterday in |
| 10 | effect that using the teargas and the stun grenades would have had on the strikers. Her account is that all of a | 10 | relation to the question that was asked about the criticism |
| 11 | sudden the protesters turned and attacked the police | 11 12 | which Mr White makes in relation to the preparation of the |
| 12 | | | plan and the briefing of the members. I discussed it with |
| 13 | members, but as you yourself have said, the teargas was the | 13 | my colleagues and we have come to the conclusion, we think |
| 14 15 | spark to the confrontation. Could you comment on the Provincial Commissioner's account set out in the press | 14 15 | the fair way of dealing with it as follows. That you should obtain a statement from Mr White of his views on the |
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| 16 17 | briefing? Do you have any comment on that? MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, what | 16 17 | matter, have it reduced to writing, his views on the matter and his reasons. In other words, this will form part of |
| 17 | I do know is that when any, when the Provincial | 18 | the final statement that will be produced in due course, |
| 19 | Commissioner before she gives a media statement, there | 19 | make it available to the witness so that he - and we will |
| 20 | should have been notes made, and in this case I don't know | 20 | then - I will then allow the question to be put. His |
| 21 | whether they were made by her or they were made by a | 21 | views, his reaction to what Mr White says but I think at |
| 22 | communication officer, so for me to comment on something | 22 | the moment, in fairness to the witness, he's entitled to |
| 23 | that I don't know whether it comes direct from her or from | 23 | get what he would have got if the final statement were |
| 24 | the notes that she was made for her is going to be very | 24 | ready to hand, I know why the final isn't there and I'm not |
| 25 | difficult. | 25 | being critical about that but as far as this question is |
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| 1 | CHAIRPERSON: Ms Le Roux, did you hear | 1 | concerned that seems to us to be the fairest way forward. |
| 2 | the answer he gave? He said that he presumes she spoke | 2 | What Mr White says and his reasons so the witness can then |
| 3 | from notes. He doesn't know whether it's her notes or | 3 | have an opportunity to deal with it. And in particular – |
| 4 | compiled by somebody else, and he isn't really able to | 4 | perhaps, there's a further rider to that or elaboration to |
| 5 | comment. | 5 | that which Advocate Hemraj will now state. |
| 6 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, and Chair, we'll take | 6 | COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: I think your |
| 7 | it up when the Provincial Commissioner – | 7 | question related to whether the commanders or the |
| 8 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, I can understand the | 8 | commanders did not draw up their own plan but I think |
| 9 | witness's feelings in this regard because – is this perhaps | 9 | whatever Mr White's views are on that in particular, need |
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| 11 | a suitable stage to take the tea adjournment? | 10 | to be put to the witness and then let him comment so that |
| 11 | MS LE ROUX: Certainly, Chair. | 11 | it's an informed view. |
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| 2 | document management purpose let's give it an exhibit | 2 | there although that kind of klap given by one counsellor to |
| 3 | number. | 3 | another is not acceptable. It seems fair that we should |
| 4 | MR NGALWANA: Chair, I'm not going to | 4 | get Mr Semenya here before we fix a deadline. So I will |
| 5 | object it being made an exhibit number, I just add one | 5 | consider your application and when Mr Semenya is here we'll |
| 6 | rider. The Chairperson has, of course, provided a rider to | 6 | hear his views on it. He may well accept that that's an |
| 7 | say this should be taken into account that they are | 7 | appropriate date and I'm sure he will appreciate the |
| 8 | supplementary statements that are going to be made in this | 8 | desirability of getting the statements before the |
| 9 | regard. And secondly - | 9 | Commission concludes its work. |
| 10 | CHAIRPERSON: I'm sorry to interrupt you. | 10 | MR CHASKALSON SC: I should also put on |
| 11 | I'm dealing with something different now. I'm not stopping | 11 | record that if these statements finally emerge it may be |
| 12 | you, I take it that you're referring to the ruling I made. | 12 | necessary to recall some witnesses for further cross- |
| 13 | What Ms Le Roux and I are now dealing with is whether this | 13 | examination in the light of what these statements say |
| 14 | document should be given an exhibit number. I take it you | 14 | because we can only cross-examine witnesses on what we have |
| 15 | don't object to that. | 15 | before us. It's very undesirable for statements of |
| 16 | MR NGALWANA: I started off by saying | 16 | material eye-witnesses to arrive a year into the |
| 17 | that, Chair. | 17 | proceedings. |
| 18 | CHAIRPERSON: Are you talking about that? | 18 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, for the record, the |
| 19 | MR NGALWANA: Yes. | 19 | Human Rights Commission supports the evidence leader's |
| 20 | CHAIRPERSON: I see, well carry on. | 20 | application for a firm deadline on the provision of |
| 21 | MR NGALWANA: Thank you, Chairperson. To | 21 | supplementary statements, obviously in consultation with Mr |
| 22 | make it clear again, I'm not objecting to this document | 22 | Semenya. And again for the record, the Human Rights |
| 23 24 | being made an exhibit subject to the following, firstly, we did indicate that the police - it has always been in the | 23 24 | Commission will undertake the analysis of the statements requested by the Chair. But, of course, the utility of |
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| 2 | make a request of the evidence leaders when they are | 2 | CHAIRPERSON: Before we move on, |
| 3 | considering the witness list of witnesses to be called in | 3 | according to slide 47 of exhibit L it appears to have been |
| 4 | future that we ask that Makhubela be placed on that list | 4 | suggested that the teargas and the stun grenades which |
| 5 | because the phrasing he uses is difficult to understand. | 5 | produced two large explosive sounds were discharged, the |
| 6 | It's recorded there, it says "The problem, teargas was | 6 | first ones, before what is referred to in the third bullet |
| 7 | used." We don't know what he means by that and so I've | 7 | in slide 47; namely the protesters, as they are called, |
| 8 | included him in the list of statements relating to the use | 8 | turning around and charging at the members behind them. So |
| 9 | of teargas. We don't know what he means though, the other | 9 | it seems, am I correct in thinking that the police version |
| 10 | statements are clearer. They're either silent or they're | 10 | is that the strikers turned around and charged the members |
| 11 | clearer on what the member means. | 11 | behind them which is effectively the onset of the attack |
| 12 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, teargas was used, he | 12 | after the teargas had been used by Warrant Officer Kuhn and |
| 13 | seems to suggest it was a problem but we don't know exactly | 13 | at least the stun grenade which was discharged by |
| 14 | what he means, but anyway he is a witness or rather a | 14 | Lieutenant Baloyi? At least those two things had happened |
| 15 | statement maker who says teargas was used, I'd say. | 15 | before what is described in the third bullet, slide 47 took |
| 16 | MS LE ROUX: Thank you, Chair, so I don't | 16 | place. Is that correct? |
| 17 | intend to then go through the 28 statements. They have | 17 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson will |
| 18 | been provided to the Commission and to the witness, of | 18 | recall that those that were there we were thinking that the |
| 19 | course, but the critical point is that the vast majority of | 19 | turning of the protesters and the use of the teargas |
| 20 | these statements are silent on the use of teargas before | 20 | sparked that. |
| 21 | the attack. And so, Major-General Mpembe, one final | 21 | CHAIRPERSON: Anyway the point is you |
| 22 | question on this line of cross-examination and it is this | 22 | took what you had seen happen - |
| 23 | because the reason that this matters, of course, is that it | 23 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes, Chairperson. |
| 24 | sets the tone for what happens later in the week. This | 24 | CHAIRPERSON: - on that field on the 13th |
| 25 | morning you've testified that you took into account the | 25 | you bore in mind when you participated in discussions at |
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| 2 | CHAIRPERSON: I'm sorry you say that - of | 2 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chair. |
| 3 | course, I'm not sure the witness knows that to be correct. | 3 | CHAIRPERSON: So that will be HHH42, will |
| 4 | That is something I take it you say you learnt from the | 4 | it? |
| 5 | properties, so you must have got it from a computer. | 5 | MS LE ROUX: 43. |
| 6 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chair, and it will be | 6 | CHAIRPERSON: HHH42 is aerial |
| 7 | confirmed when Scott comes to testify as well because it's | 7 | photograph - |
| 8 | his computer. | 8 | MS LE ROUX: Yes. |
| 9 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, so that's really a | 9 | CHAIRPERSON: Of what? How do I describe |
| 10 | question to be asked of Lieutenant-Colonel Scott. Colonel | 10 | it? |
| 11 | Scott is in our heads but my point is this witness doesn't | 11 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, if I could suggest, |
| 12 | know about that, at least I don't think he does | 12 | aerial photograph taken by Vermaak at 11:22AM, 16 August - |
| 13 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chair, I'm just | 13 | CHAIRPERSON: Taken by – hang on - |
| 14 | identifying the document for the record. | 14 | Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak? |
| 15 | CHAIRPERSON: Alright. | 15 | MS LE ROUX: 11:22AM, 16 August. Again |
| 16 | MS LE ROUX: I'm not asking Major-General | 16 | we'll confirm that with - |
| 17 | Mpembe about his knowledge of its properties. So if we | 17 | CHAIRPERSON: 11:22AM on 16 August. |
| 18 | could have slide 148 from exhibit L and then, Major- | 18 | Alright, I've got that. |
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| 24 | given a batch of documents for which we're grateful but | 24 | MS LE ROUX: 43. |
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| 2 | CHAIRPERSON: I haven't got those | 2 | MR NGALWANA: Chair, before the witness |
| 3 | numbers. I just want to make sure, and I don't know | 3 | answers, I don't want to be obstructive, but our learned |
| 4 | whether that's right, but I just want to make sure that you | 4 | friend has a knack of inviting this kind of objection. |
| 5 | and the witness are talking about the exhibits that I've | 5 | This issue was dealt with extensively by Mr Madlanga, and I |
| 6 | marked, so that when we read the record later, or other | 6 | can refer to the transcript. It's day 108, page 11635. It |
| 7 | people later read the record, they will be able to follow | 7 | begins at lines 1 and following. |
| 8 | the cross-examination and your answers. | 8 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, I prefaced – |
| 9 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, | 9 | MR NGALWANA: Sorry, day 109, and he was |
| 10 | Chairperson. | 10 | there dealing with slides 148 and 149. |
| 11 | MR NGALWANA: Chair, if it's of any | 11 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, I prefaced this |
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| 14 | The only difference – | 14 | quickly, through the summary of what we've heard already as |
| 15 | CHAIRPERSON: Slide 181? | 15 | to the change in the plan. That is where I'm at. There is |
| 16 | MR NGALWANA: 181. The only difference | 16 | a new point which relates to – |
| 17 | is the annotations in 181 are not reflected in HHH3, and of | 17 | CHAIRPERSON: You said it's a new point – |
| 18 | course 181 has blue arrows that show the direction of the | 18 | MS LE ROUX: - to Mr White. |
| 19 | dispersion, and HHH3 does not. | 19 | CHAIRPERSON: A new point is in order to |
| 20 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, I see, and of course | 20 | get to the new point. You've got to refer in summary form |
| 21 | slide 181 also has got sort of legend, as it were, boxes | 21 | and as briefly as you can to something that's gone before. |
| 22 | with typing and so on. | 22 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, I'm trying to orientate |
| 23 | MR NGALWANA: Correct, Chair. | 23 | Major-General Mpembe. We're dealing with the change in the |
| 24 | CHAIRPERSON: So it's probably best that | 24 | plan. I understand he's given evidence relating to the |
| 25 | he shouldn't be distracted by those, just concentrate on | 25 | authorisation of the plan that he said it was up to the |
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| 1 | testify that I knew thereafter. | 1 | witness. I won't be able to put it to the Major-General in |
| 2 | CHAIRPERSON: "Thereafter" is a vague | 2 | light of this testimony. So I'll move on to the next |
| 3 | expression. What Ms Le Roux wants to know from you is when | 3 | topic. Major-General, staying on the 16th, I'd like to |
| 4 | did you become – you obviously became aware of it. The | 4 | understand what you – I'd like to establish what you saw |
| 5 | question is it happened at about 11:20, I think, is that | 5 | and knew during the operation on the 16th, and I want to |
| 6 | right? How soon after 11:20 did you learn about the change | 6 | establish your whereabouts at different points that |
| 7 | and the fact that it's been authorised? Was it on the 16th? | 7 | afternoon. So am I correct that you were in the JOC when |
| 8 | I mean it must have been on the 16th. So when on the 16th | 8 | the barbed wire was first rolled out? |
| 9 | did you learn about it? | 9 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I did |
| 10 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I | 10 | testify it was not immediately, and I need just maybe to be |
| 11 | knew late on the 16th when we, when Major Annandale was also | 11 | referred to my evidence in terms of saying when the barbed |
| 12 | discussing what was reported to the JOC before the tragedy, | 12 | wire was, I was in the JOC, because as far as I remember |
| 13 | but it was on the 16th. | 13 | what I testified, I said I was busy with many other things |
| 14 | CHAIRPERSON: So did you know about it | 14 | and then while I was still on my way, and then not exactly |
| 15 | before the tragedy? Or you only learned after the tragedy? | 15 | knowing whether I have flown or not, and then that's when |
| 16 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I said, | 16 | then I heard of – |
| 17 | Chairperson, I learned about the changes after the tragedy. | 17 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, Major-General, I think |
| 18 | CHAIRPERSON: I see, thank you. | 18 | this may help you. According to the evidence the barbed |
| 19 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes. | 19 | wire started being uncoiled just after Mr Mathunjwa left |
| 20 | MS LE ROUX: And Major-General, just so | 20 | the scene after his second speech, or second address to the |
| 21 | we're clear, you learned of it from Major-General Annandale | 21 | strikers, and that's covered in really slide 193 of exhibit |
| 22 23 | in the JOC after the shooting in the late afternoon of the 16th? | 22 | L, and the time given is 15:43. According to slide 192 |
| 23 24 | CHAIRPERSON: That's what he said. | 23 24 | Brigadier Calitz gave the command to Colonel Makhubela to |
| 24 25 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General, when you came | 24 25 | start with the uncoiling of the barbed wire at about 15:40 and we see this in the photograph at slide 193 and we see |
| 25 | wis LE ROOX. Wajor-General, when you came | 25 | |
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| 1 | to know that there'd been a change in the plan, and if I | 1 | in the distance the motor car, the vehicle of Mr Mathunjwa |
| 2 | could ask you to look at HHH43, which is the document that | 2 | leaving the area. So that's, as appears from that |
| 3 | reflects that change, was what is now exhibit HHH43 | 3 | photograph, that the time according to exhibit L is 15:43. |
| 4 | explained to you? Were you briefed on how the change, how | 4 | So that's what's being talked about. So the first question |
| 5 | the plan had been changed? | 5 | therefore that counsel is asking you is can you remember |
| 6 | MR NGALWANA: With respect, this was | 6 | where you were at that moment when Mr Mathunjwa was driving |
| 7 | precisely the issue that was covered by Mr Madlanga with | 7 | away, having just left the scene, and when, just after |
| 8 | this same witness. | 8 | Brigadier Calitz had given the command to Colonel Makhubela |
| 9 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, Ms Le Roux, that's | 9 | to start with the uncoiling of the wire? Were you in the |
| 10 | right, isn't it? Ms Le Roux, that's correct, isn't it? | 10 | JOC at that stage, or were you outside attending to |
| 11 | That was debated by Mr Madlanga with the witness. | 11 | something else at that particular time? Is that your |
| 12 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chair, and – | 12 | question? |
| 13 | CHAIRPERSON: So the question is, you | 13 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chair. |
| 14 | know, if you've got a new point, let's have it. Now I | 14 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I was |
| 15 | understand you've got to have a preliminary matter on | 15 | not in the JOC. I was attending to other matters and |
| 16 | record so that the new point can be understood, but perhaps | 16 | during attending that other matters, I, that's the time |
| 17 | you can tell us what the new point is before you – because | 17 | when I also went to the chopper, but I don't remember |
| 18 | there is a fear that we're just going to have a repetition | 18 | precisely where I was – |
| 19 | of what we've had before. | 19 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, I don't know that it |
| 0.0 | | 20 | really matters. I think she wants to know if you were in |
| 20 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, in light of Major- | ~ | |
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| 1 | JOC I already informed Major-General Annandale that I will, | 1 | [12:08] MR NGALWANA: No, no, no, no – |
| 2 | from where I will be leaving, that's when then I was | 2 | CHAIRPERSON: No, I don't remember him |
| 3 | already walking with Brigadier Tsiloane. | 3 | saying that. He just didn't say, and it may be something |
| 4 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, and I think you told | 4 | that it wouldn't be appropriate to ask him about, so I left |
| 5 | us that as you were walking towards the helicopter you | 5 | it. |
| 6 | heard on the radio a particular report that had been | 6 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General Mpembe, to the |
| 7 | received, which enables us by reference to the timeline | 7 | best of your recollection, what were your movements when |
| 8 | prepared by the evidence leaders to work out what the time | 8 | you left the JOC for the last time before you got in the |
| 9 | was. What time was that, Mr Chaskalson, approximately, | 9 | helicopter? Whereabouts were you? And when in your |
| 10 | when he was walking to the helicopter and he heard that | 10 | witness statement at paragraph 48 you say that you were |
| 11 | report about TRT members being attacked? | 11 | told by Annandale that all the other SAPS helicopters were |
| 12 | MR CHASKALSON SC: Bear with me for a | 12 | already deployed and in the air, when did - let me start |
| 13 | moment, Chair. In fact we don't have an accurate timeline | 13 | with that. When were you told that there were no SAPS |
| 14 | on the radio transcript. We can give you an accurate | 14 | helicopters available for you and that you would have to |
| 15 | timeline on what it was happening. | 15 | use the Protea Coin helicopter? When were you told that? |
| 16 | CHAIRPERSON: Alright, well that's the | 16 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I did |
| 17 | same thing. What time is that? Presumably roughly the | 17 | testify that it was when I wanted to go and fly and see – |
| 18 | same time. | 18 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, yes, you told us that |
| 19 | MR CHASKALSON SC: It's approximately, we | 19 | you weren't in the JOC at the moment. You phoned General |
| 20 | would put it probably round about 15:53. | 20 | Annandale and told him that, and I take it he then arranged |
| 21 | CHAIRPERSON: Ja, alright, so round about | 21 | for the Protea Coin helicopter to be available for your |
| 22 | 15:53 you were walking towards the helicopter. You heard | 22 | use. Is my understanding correct? |
| 23 | something on the radio. You then got in the helicopter and | 23 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: That's correct, |
| 24 | the helicopter went up in the air, ascended. Is that | 24 | Chairperson. |
| 25 | right? | 25 | CHAIRPERSON: And did that happen quite |
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| 2 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General, I understand | 2 | of the helicopter on the ground at 15:54:37. That's the |
| 3 | you may not have a diary entry that assists you, but are we | 3 | last, so it's between 15:54:37 and when the video starts, |
| 4 | talking about less than 10 minutes, more than 10 minutes, | 4 | which is at 15:57:30. It's in a three-minute interval. |
| 5 | from when you leave the JOC to when you get into the | 5 | CHAIRPERSON: Alright, so you understand |
| 6 | helicopter? | 6 | that. It can't be determined with absolute Greenwich Mean |
| 7 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson, I | 7 | Time accuracy, but we know more or less when it was. Now |
| 8 | don't remember very well, but I think taking into account | 8 | the question you were asked is can you, based on that |
| 9 | the time when I flew, and then we checked back what then | 9 | information, give us an estimate, obviously no more than |
| 10 | one can estimate precisely. | 10 | that, as to what the time lapse was between your leaving |
| 11 | CHAIRPERSON: What's your estimate? | 11 | the JOC and your getting into the helicopter? |
| 12 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I just wanted to | 12 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I |
| 13 | check according to my previous evidence when I testified to | 13 | would like to check maybe to say at what time did I leave |
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| 15 | I fly, I flew, and I think I can check it from there. | 15 | me precisely to say at what time. |
| 16 | CHAIRPERSON: Have you got that at your | 16 | CHAIRPERSON: You see that is what we're |
| 17 | fingertips? | 17 | trying to find out. Anyway, if you can't tell us, then we |
| 18 | MR CHASKALSON SC: The helicopter flight | 18 | just have to leave it there, but perhaps Ms Le Roux, you |
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| 21 | CHAIRPERSON: You said earlier you | 21 | want to answer it inaccurately, which is fair enough in the |
| 22 | thought the helicopter left at about 15:54, I think you | 22 | circumstances. So I suggest we carry on. |
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| 24 | MR CHASKALSON SC: No, that was the time | 24 | what I intend to do is what the South African Human Rights |
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| 2 | that. | 2 | Chairperson. It landed – maybe we can check that distance |
| 3 | CHAIRPERSON: Alright, what time? | 3 | from where – |
| 4 | MR CHASKALSON SC: That was – | 4 | CHAIRPERSON: Ja, probably – |
| 5 | CHAIRPERSON: I thought you said | 5 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: - and then going |
| 6 | something like 16:17. | 6 | to the JOC. |
| 7 | MR CHASKALSON SC: I've got to find my | 7 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, how long did it take |
| 8 | note again. | 8 | you? A couple of minutes to get – |
| 9 | CHAIRPERSON: I think you said – | 9 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: It will take me |
| 10 | MR CHASKALSON SC: 16:17:45. | 10 | couple of minutes. |
| 11 | CHAIRPERSON: That's right. So you hear | 11 | CHAIRPERSON: Alright, okay. So now |
| 12 | that, Major-General, the evidence leaders say they can | 12 | we've ascertained with probably as much accuracy as we'll |
| 13 | prove by reference to videos and so on that your helicopter | 13 | ever be able to when you were away from the JOC, and when |
| 14 15 | came back at 16:47:45. I don't think we need to – | 14 15 | you went back. So Ms Le Roux, having established those |
| 15 | MR CHASKALSON SC: 16:17. 17. | 15 | facts, where do we go from here? |
| 16 | CHAIRPERSON: 16:17:45. | 16 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, as I said, we'll do a |
| 17 | MR CHASKALSON SC: 4:17. | 17 | presentation to the Commission using the evidence leaders' |
| 18 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, yes. 4:17PM. Now are | 18 19 | timing, which we think will clarify in greater detail – |
| 19 20 | you prepared to accept that? | | CHAIRPERSON: I understand that, but – |
| 20 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I | 20 21 | MS LE ROUX: And now we're moving to, on |
| 21 | will accept it if it is also demonstrated to me, because | 21 | the 16th, the question of radios. CHAIRPERSON: And the reason I wanted to |
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| 24 25 | | 24 25 | or you're going to talk about things that were heard on the |
| 20 | sorry? | 23 | |
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| 3 | go through a series of statements from other SAPS members, | 3 | CHAIRPERSON: I see. |
| 4 | some of whom were in the JOC, spoke to the JOC, just to | 4 | MS LE ROUX: - there's another statement |
| 5 | clarify what they say in their statements about what they | 5 | from May this year. |
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| 14 | date of the statement it might assist. | 14 | MR NGALWANA: We are definitely not on |
| 15 | MS LE ROUX: The 6th of May 2013. | 15 | the same page. For one thing, Masinya, we don't have a |
| 16 | CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, is this one of the | 16 | consolidated statement of Warrant-Officer Masinya. |
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| 18 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chair. | 18 | Ngalwana, what I've been given as exhibit HHH8 contains |
| 19 | CHAIRPERSON: So let me find it first. | 19 | what we'll call an assemblage, or collection of Masinya's |
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| 24 | CHAIRPERSON: Oh, I see. Thank you. | 24 | page OOO186, which is the last page of a document which is |
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| 3 | think, 12 noon, when he received this warning about the | 3 | to the JOC, various things happened. The shooting, as we |
| 4 | police spies, and then if you put it in the context like | 4 | know, only started shortly before 4 o'clock. I don't think |
| 5 | that, then the witness could understand it. | 5 | we can accept that they got back to the JOC just before 4 |
| 6 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Major-General. | 6 | o'clock. |
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| 8 | statement which I have, and it's the same as Commissioner | 8 | depend on further evidence. Earlier in the cross- |
| 9 | Hemraj, but what you read I don't see it here. | 9 | examination of Major-General Mpembe I intervened to point |
| 10 | CHAIRPERSON: In fact the previous page | 10 | out that the evidence will be that the command to go back |
| 11 | he talks about 12h00 in paragraph 10, and then in paragraph | 11 | to the JOC, or the instruction to go back to the JOC didn't |
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| 14 | Adriao to the video operators that they'd been identified | 14 | message to Colonel Mere, who in turn in due course |
| 14 | as police spies, which led to their leaving the koppie, | 15 | instructed the members to go back to the JOC. They may or |
| | | 16 | may not have gone back to the JOC shortly before 4 o'clock. |
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| 17 | effectively refers shortly after 13:25, so what Masinya is | 18 | CHAIRPERSON: Let me try to solve the |
| 19 | saying is, "We then went back to the JOC." It's just after | 19 | problem before Adv Hemraj asks her question. Did you see |
| 20 | 13:25. "The shooting started. We heard this because we | 20 | the videographers back at the JOC at some stage during the |
| 20 | were listening to the radio at the JOC." Now that | 20 | course of the afternoon? |
| 22 | obviously involved a big time lapse because if he went back | 22 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson. |
| 22 | to the JOC just after 13:25 and the shooting only started | 22 | CHAIRPERSON: So you can't help us. |
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| 4 | MS LE ROUX: The next one is that of | 4 | that Sello Stephen Tsiloane? |
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| 20 | MS LE ROUX: Page 4, and it's the | 20 | General? |
| 21 | paragraph at the bottom of that page, the second paragraph | 21 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, |
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| 23 | CHAIRPERSON: It looks like – | 23 | MS LE ROUX: Thank you, Chair. So we |
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| 11 | CHAIRPERSON: [Microphone off, | 11 | his members travelling along the road there. It's |
| 12 | inaudible]. I'm misbehaving too. My microphone wasn't on. | 12 | obviously some distance from forward holding area 1 and |
| 13 | Do me a favour, look at the witness, make sure he's got the | 13 | we've managed to calculate that it will take approximately |
| 14 | document in front of him before you start reading, because | 14 | 30 seconds to get to that point in the FLIR camera, and we |
| 15 | it's obviously only fair he should follow. I'm not | 15 | can see them travelling from forward holding area 1 as at |
| 16 | suggesting you're being deliberately unfair, but just in | 16 | 16:01:43. |
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| 22 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I have it. | 22 | CHAIRPERSON: I don't know that the exact |
| 23 | MS LE ROUX: Okay. For the record, it | 23 | times are relevant for this witness. I mean you're |
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| 4 | G? | 4 | been shooting and he was please to get into the helicopter |
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| 15 | a shooting had taken place at the koppie. I was instructed | 15 | Chairperson. |
| 16 | by General Annandale to climb into a chopper and fly to the | 16 | MS LE ROUX: And if you could turn to the |
| 17 | area and give a situational report (sit-rep). I climbed on | 17 | second page of that statement, paragraph 8, do you have |
| 18 | the SAPS Squirrel chopper. The chopper had no fixed video | 18 | that? |
| 19 | and camera recording equipment," and then he goes into who | 19 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, |
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| 23 | shooting and would have done so through the radio. I can | 23 | strikers, which we did, and count the fatal wounded and the |
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| 15 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, | 15 | Major-General Annandale was that various reports were being |
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| 22 | Hostel," and then in the same entry, if you could go next | 22 | their cell phones. I think that's correct; I could be |
| 23 | to the time stamp 16:05, "Instruction given to the medics | 23 | wrong. |
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| 2 | erroneous, but in any event, at some stage we will find out | 2 | point being made, there are a number of hurdles they've got |
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| 11 | May, HHH8, the paragraph to which she pointed us – no, no, | 11 | someone with a handheld radio, who was listening on the |
| 12 | that's not the one, sorry. CHAIRPERSON: I think I've accepted that | 12 | radio, must have known at an earlier stage than you admit |
| 13 | • | 13 | that there had been shootings and bodies were down on so |
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| 16 | accept that without more at this stage. So you don't have | 17 | 5 |
| 17 18 | to address me on that. I'm with you on it. | 18 | MR NGALWANA: Chair, with respect, she's also relying on statements, not just FFF25, and I'm saying |
| 19 | MR NGALWANA: Thank you. I'm indebted to | 19 | it's misleading to say these statements show that the |
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| 21 | CHAIRPERSON: The answer is you'll have | 20 | CHAIRPERSON: I reformulated her |
| 22 | to rephrase your question. The point you were making was | 22 | question. I deliberately made it clear that she hadn't |
| 23 | that – and you can possibly make the point again with the | 23 | established these facts. I said she hopes to establish |
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| 2 | CHAIRPERSON: Surely you can remember | 2 | correct, but anyway, the point's been covered – |
| 3 | whether you heard on the radio that there was shooting. If | 3 | MS LE ROUX: But the difficulty is this; |
| 4 | you didn't hear on the radio there was shooting, and that's | 4 | for my client in its participation and attempt to assist |
| 5 | why you didn't know there was shooting till much later, | 5 | the Commission in finding out what happened on that day, |
| 6 | than that's your answer. If she wants to disprove it, | 6 | we're provided with inadequate statements by the SAPS. We |
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| 8 | hasn't proved yet, but the simple question is, did you hear | 8 | because of the inadequacy of those statements. We are told |
| 9 | on the radio reports which made it clear to you that there | 9 | that there will be supplementary statements to come who |
| 10 | had been shootings and the people had been shot? | 10 | knows when, hence the evidence leaders requested a ruling |
| 11 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I said no, | 11 | this morning following engagement so that we have a |
| 12 | Chairperson, but the communications of the line of TRT is | 12 | deadline to that, because the cross-examination is severely |
| 13 | being attacked, I heard it. But that was not a conclusive | 13 | undermined and handicapped if we don't have the full body |
| 14 | proof that there was a shooting, and there are a number of | 14 | of the SAPS case. |
| 15 | statements, Chairperson, and including Major Annandale that | 15 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, the short point is |
| 16 | he has referred to, that he also said – so that's why I | 16 | this; the police at the very beginning when the Commission |
| 17 | wanted maybe I should go in terms of details, as she did, | 17 | was appointed promised their full cooperation with the |
| 18 | with those statements and also give my version so that it | 18 | Commission, and what has happened is from time to time |
| 19 | could be clearly. But if that is sufficient for the | 19 | queries have been addressed to the police, asking for extra |
| 20 | Commission, that is correct. | 20 | information, and to be fair, it's been given – I'm not |
| 21 | CHAIRPERSON: For myself I would have | 21 | sure, I think some of it may still be outstanding, but |
| 22 | thought it's enough for the time being. Can we take the | 22 | certainly as far as we can tell, endeavours have been made |
| 23 | lunch adjournment now, Ms Le Roux? | 23 | to provide the information sought. So what I suggest you |
| 24 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chair, I must just | 24 | do is very simple - and you yourselves have written letters |
| 25 | request guidance from the Commissioners, however, because | 25 | to the police asking for information – what you can do, I |
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| 3 | record as is possible, so the obligation is not necessarily | 3 | information is somehow an inadequacy which gives rise to |
| 4 | on the other parties to chase the SAPS for the SAPS to | 4 | criticism. They had an enormous amount of statements to |
| 5 | provide that information, but we will engage with them and | 5 | prepare. There were all sorts of topics they had to |
| 6 | attempt to clarify. | 6 | discuss. Whether their minds were focussed on the question |
| 7 | But the final point that I must make is that the | 7 | whether communication was by radio or not, is not clear to |
| 8 | reason this is all the more problematic is because the only | 8 | me, and I don't think we can assume that to be the case. |
| 9 | version that will now be put in person before this | 9 | But we've thrashed the matter out. I'm sure you'll get the |
| 10 | Commission is that of the SAPS. The other eyewitnesses are | 10 | cooperation that you want from the police. They promised |
| 11 | no longer present. They are no participating, and we don't | 11 | it from the very beginning. Let's rely on that. |
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| 13 | evidence. | 13 | voice we'll get will be the evidence of the police. The |
| 14 | CHAIRPERSON: I'm sorry, I don't | 14 | rulings that you sought us to make, and which we made, |
| 15 | understand what you're talking about. At the moment the | 15 | provided that the persons who are now absent, their |
| 16 | issue is whether the people, as I understand you, the | 16 | versions will be presented to the Commission by the |
| 17 | people in the JOC and this witness in the helicopter knew | 17 | evidence leaders. They will have the power to call these |
| 18 | that there had been shootings and when they knew it. | 18 | people if they wish. We've got the two statements that |
| 19 | That's an issue. I don't know who the eyewitnesses are who | 19 | were filed by Mr Mpofu of witnesses he was proposing to |
| 20 | you are referring to – | 20 | call. We can subpoena them if necessary. There are |
| 21 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, I'm referring to the | 21 | something like 300 IPID statements of persons who were |
| 22 | injured and arrested miners. They're making a broader | 22 | interviewed by IPID. The evidence leaders have, I'm |
| 23 | point which is that given the lack of specificity in what | 23 | informed, gone through all those statements and if |
| 24 | we have from the SAPS, the fact that we don't know what | 24 | necessary, they can lead further witnesses in order to |
| 25 | will come in the supplementary statements, given that we | 25 | ensure that the version of the survivors, the injured and |
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| 2 | [COMMISSION ADJOURNS COMMISSION RESUMES] | 2 | personnel. MR NGALWANA: Correct, Chair |
| 4 | [14:08] CHAIRPERSON: The Commission resumes. | 4 | CHAIRPERSON: So that's also a factor - |
| 5 | Major-General, you're still under oath. | 4 5 | MR NGALWANA: Yes, absolutely. |
| 6 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, | 6 | CHAIRPERSON: I think Ms Le Roux suggests |
| 7 | Chairperson. | 7 | that he knew more, he knew it earlier but that's a matter |
| 8 | | | which she will come back to if and when she's able to |
| | CHAIRPERSON: Ms Le Roux, are you still going to proceed to some extent with the topic that you | 8 | |
| 9 | | 9 | establish the facts upon which she based her cross- |
| 10 | were busy with before we adjourned or - | 10 | examination which - in the statement in the document she |
| 11 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, it's related, it's a | 11 | relied on. I take it she's moved on from that for the |
| 12 | new point. | 12 | moment and she's going to move to another point. Is that |
| 13 | CHAIRPERSON: Oh sorry, I beg your | 13 | correct Ms le Roux? |
| 14 | pardon, I'd forgotten. Before we adjourned you wanted to | 14 | MS LE ROUX: That's correct, Chair. And |
| 15 | say something and I said we'd adjourn and you could raise | 15 | my learned friend's quotation from Major-General Mpembe's |
| 16 | it again when we resumed. I'd forgotten that, I apologise, | 16 | witness statement in fact keys up precisely where I now |
| 17 | please raise the matter now that you wanted to raise. | 17 | intend to go in my cross-examination. And, Chair, if we |
| 18 | MR NGALWANA: Thank you, Chair. It's | 18 | could have the Lonmin chopper video which is exhibit CC24? |
| 19 | really a matter of clarity, hopefully it will assist our | 19 | I'm advised it's 22 not 25, my apologies and this is a |
| 20 | learned friend. The suggestion it seems to me that is | 20 | video that has previously been seen. I have asked for it |
| 21 | being made is that the General may have not told the entire | 21 | to commence at 11:40 in the video, time stamp 11:40. |
| 22 | truth about not having heard on the radio about the death | 22 | CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, forgive me |
| 23 | or the shooting of people. Chair, if our learned friend | 23 | interrupting you, you say this is Lonmin chopper, is this |
| 24 | had read the General's statement, GGG12, she would have | 24 | not the Protea Coin chopper? |
| 25 | seen at page 21, paragraph 49 that the General says and I | 25 | MS LE ROUX: The Protea Coin chopper, yes |
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| 2 | down, that until that point when you were in the helicopter | 2 | CHAIRPERSON: If one looks at exhibit |
| 3 | you had not heard anything on the radio relating to bodies | 3 | FFF25, page 25, that's the passage we referred to earlier |
| 4 | down, people down, people lying down, the need for medical | 4 | one sees two things. We'll see a number of things, two |
| 5 | personnel? | 5 | things I'm referring to. The one is just above the |
| 6 | MR NGALWANA: Chair, perhaps in fairness | 6 | reference 16:05 which is - I think it is agreed, everyone |
| 7 | to the witness, we don't know what our learned friend, | 7 | agrees that you can' rely on the time but just above the |
| 8 | where our learned friend, in terms of time, places this | 8 | 16:05 which is parts of entry 1018, there's a note, chopper |
| 9 | recording. I heard something in the audio, but I don't | 9 | reporting two bodies down. Is this chopper regarded as |
| 10 | want to testify from the bar which suggests a different | 10 | Chopper 2 or this a reference to two other bodies that were |
| 11 | time from what she may have had in mind. So perhaps if she | 11 | down? |
| 12 | can clarify time-wise when does she place this. | 12 | MR CHASKALSON SC: This may be another |
| 13 | CHAIRPERSON: Perhaps we can have the | 13 | inaccuracy in the occurrence book, Chair. This chopper is |
| 14 | Advocate play it again so we can then concentrate very | 14 | Chopper 1, sorry not this chopper. This chopper is a Coin |
| 15 | carefully on the point that's being raised. | 15 | chopper. Colonel Vermaak's chopper from which we |
| 16 | MR NGALWANA: We might have to have | 16 | understand that communication to have emanated was Chopper |
| 17 | audio. | 17 | 1. Brigadier Fritz' chopper was Chopper 2 and Brigadier |
| 18 | [VIDEO SHOWN] | 18 | Fritz did not make that report. We're of the view that |
| 19 | MS LE ROUX: Again, Major-General Mpembe, | 19 | Brigadier Fritz did - |
| 20 | in your witness statement at paragraph 49 where you say "I | 20 | CHAIRPERSON: The other entry that is |
| 20 | then heard Lieutenant - | 20 | relevant, of course, is the one which is 10:17, PAPA 1 |
| 22 | CHAIRPERSON: I'm sorry, Ms Le Roux, Mr | 22 | reporting the group removing TRT members, they tried to |
| 22 | Ngalwana did ask you to indicate for the benefit of the | 22 | attack them, PAPA 1 reporting that the people were moving |
| 23 | witness what time you say this happened, what we've now | 23 | around and that some are down. Now PAPA 1, whose chopper |
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| 2 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, the | 2 | Roux. |
| 3 | one that I heard it's when Brigadier Calitz said to him why | 3 | MS LE ROUX: No, Chair, my understanding |
| 4 | the vehicles are still at the back, he must check for him, | 4 | is the General wanted earlier where Calitz is directing |
| 5 | that's the one that I heard. But in this video I didn't | 5 | Nyalas and water canons, is that correct Major-General, |
| 6 | hear, maybe you can go a little backward, but the one that | 6 | that's what you wanted? |
| 7 | made me to understand that there is a problem is when | 7 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson. |
| 8 | Brigadier Calitz said why are still people at the back. | 8 | [14:28] CHAIRPERSON: We start at 11:25 or did |
| 9 | That's when then Colonel Vermaak went to check and when he | 9 | you want an earlier passage? |
| 10 | reports he reported that he sees bodies down. | 10 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, we can start at |
| 11 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General, I don't want | 11 | 11:25. |
| 12 | to move from this point, I will just note for the record | 12 | CHAIRPERSON: Alright. |
| 13 | that in exhibit GGG35, which is the transcript of the | 13 | MR NGALWANA: Chair, may I say something |
| 14 | Protea Coin helicopter video prepared by the team for the | 14 | about GGG35 to which my learned friend has intimated. |
| 15 | South African Human Rights Commission, you're correct. | 15 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes. |
| 16 | Before this part of the audio which JOC, JOC chopper two | 16 | MR NGALWANA: I understand that this is a |
| 17 | bodies at the back of the second koppie, two bodies there | 17 | transcript that's been prepared by the South African Human |
| 18 | is audio from - Major-General Annandale identified some of | 18 | Rights Commission. It was subject to an agreement, an |
| 19 | those voices as being Calitz, with respect to you know | 19 | agreed version being presented. I'm not aware of us being |
| 20 | directing this Nyala to move up, that canter to go there. | 20 | approached. |
| 21 | So you're correct in the overall audio where this clip is | 21 | CHAIRPERSON: No, I understand. |
| 22 | identified. I'll move on once that's translated. So, | 22 | MR NGALWANA: But I'm not going to object |
| 23 | Major-General with that clarification and from the | 23 | to it being - |
| 24 | transcript this is the only time that we hear anybody talk | 24 | CHAIRPERSON: No, the point you make is |
| 25 | about two bodies down. Are you comfortable with where we | 25 | reminding them that there's supposed to be agreement still |
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| 2 | not exhaustively. | 2 | MR NGALWANA: No, no, Chair, you can't |
| 3 | CHAIRPERSON: Alright. I'm sure that | 3 | see that on the video. |
| 4 | point's also been noted by your learned friends from SAPS. | 4 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, that's precisely what |
| 5 | MS LE ROUX: Thank you, Chair, so if we | 5 | you can see. Six and a half minutes Major-General Mpembe |
| 6 | could play the clip from 11:25. | 6 | circles the area and only then returns to the JOC. He did |
| 7 | [VIDEO SHOWN] | 7 | not immediately issue an instruction, from the audio, we |
| 8 | MS LE ROUX: Thank you, Chair. So, | 8 | hear no audio that he instructs the pilot to return to the |
| 9 | Major-General Mpembe, having heard more audio to orientate | 9 | JOC and the behaviour of the helicopter indicates that he |
| 10 | yourself, again my question. In your statement at | 10 | did not immediately instruct to move back to the JOC. And, |
| 11 | paragraph 49 where you say "I then heard Lieutenant-Colonel | 11 | Chair, this is not a cheap point. The point is this, the |
| 12 | Vermaak reporting over the radio that there were bodies | 12 | South African Human Rights Commission, based on the |
| 13 | down" does that accord with the audio clip that we've just | 13 | evidence that we covered before lunch, the five statements |
| 14 | heard? | 14 | in the occurrence book will submit that Major-General |
| 15 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, | 15 | Mpembe knew that there bodies down, that something had |
| 16 | Chairperson. | 16 | happened. That's why he went up in the helicopter in the |
| 17 | MS LE ROUX: And, Major-General, your | 17 | first place. So it's not a cheap point that he says |
| 18 | witness statement and it is the portion that my learned | 18 | "immediately" and that's not six and a half minutes, it |
| 19 | friend and the Chair have already read out, your witness | 19 | will say - |
| 20 | statement then goes on essentially to say that immediately | 20 | CHAIRPERSON: I - |
| 21 | when you heard this you instructed the pilot to fly you | 21 | MS LE ROUX: If I could just finish - |
| 22 | back to the JOC to ascertain what was happening and ensure | 22 | CHAIRPERSON: I don't think he was |
| 23 | that medical personnel were sent. I'd like us to watch the | 23 | suggesting it was a cheap point, that's what I'm saying, |
| 24 | video with respect to that return to the JOC. | 24 | you don't have to deal with a cheap point, you're |
| 25 | MR NGALWANA: Chair, our learned friend | 25 | explaining the point you're making, that's fine and Mr |
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| 1 | should learn, with respect to put the witness's own words | 1 | Ngalwana isn't suggesting it's a cheap point, he says that |
| 2 | and not use her own words to paraphrase what the witness | 2 | what you say is factually not correct and you're answering |
| 3 | says. The paragraph doesn't say "Immediately I instructed | 3 | him. So carry on with your answer. |
| 4 | the chopper to take me back." He starts off by saying soon | 4 | MS LE ROUX: Thank you, Chair. The point |
| 5 | thereafter he heard Brigadier Calitz, then the next | 5 6 | is this, that from the statements from the occurrence book Major-General Mpembe knew that something had happened and |
| 6 7 | sentence says "I instructed the pilot to return me" there's no "immediately" there. | 7 | that's why he went up in the helicopter, to get a better |
| 8 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, if he continues the | 8 | view. And let me be clear, the South African Human Rights |
| 9 | paragraph it states "Immediately when I heard this I | 9 | Commission does not criticise Major-General Mpembe for |
| 10 | instructed the pilot to fly me back to the JOC in order to | 10 | wanting to get a better sense of what was happening. The |
| 11 | ascertain what was actually happening on the ground." | 11 | point is that his statement creates the impression that he |
| 12 | CHAIRPERSON: It sounds as if - Alright, | 12 | discovers there are two bodies down and then he immediately |
| 13 | anyway let's move on. Have you given the reading to those | 13 | returns to the JOC. He continues to assess the situation |
| 14 | responsible for showing us the clip, the sections that you | 14 | for six and a half minutes from his helicopter because he |
| 15 | want shown? | 15 | already knew that something had happened. |
| 16 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, in addition to the | 16 | COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Is it known what |
| 17 | witness statement, under cross-examination by my learned | 17 | the flying time would be from where the chopper was to |
| 18 | friend, Advocate Shozi, the Major-General again on the 18th | 18 | where they landed if they did go immediately? |
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| | 16 | and why the chopper made many turns, I hope that the pilot | 16 | discern that indicates you attempting to use the radio and |
| | 17 | | 17 | having difficulty in doing that and indeed at paragraph 51 |
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| 1 | and what I want to clarify is your testimony around radio difficulties. As I understand the evidence so far and if | 1 | is not unusual in police operations that there are difficulties with radio channel access. |
| 2 3 | you can please confirm this or clarify it for me, you had | 2 3 | CHAIRPERSON: I must say I thought that |
| 4 | difficulty getting on the radio, getting airtime on the | 4 | was dealt with quite extensively with General Annandale and |
| 5 | radio because it was in use and as you indicated in | 5 | he explained problems with expense and so forth. |
| 6 | paragraph 51 of your statement, no one sought direction | 6 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, it was not being |
| | | 7 | dealt with, with this witness. |
| 7 | from you, so you didn't need to get on the radio, is that correct? | 8 | CHAIRPERSON: No, no, no, that's correct. |
| 8 9 | | 9 | If you've got something new that you want to put please go |
| | • | 10 | ahead. |
| 10 11 | just wanted clarity with the airtime, what is meant by air time? | 11 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, my difficulty is that |
| 12 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General, what I mean | 12 | this is an entirely new point from what was covered with |
| 12 | - | 12 | Annandale, the difficulty is this morning's ruling says I |
| 14 | by air time is that the radio was in use by other people and there wasn't a gap in the radio communication that you | | must put a short statement together from Mr White provided |
| | and there wasn't a gap in the radio communication that you | 14 | |
| 15 | could start using the radio. | 15 | to the witness and have him comment on it, so – |
| 16 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, | 16 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes – |
| 17 18 | mechanically speaking with the radio that we used on that day, while other people are speaking you are unable to | 17 18 | MS LE ROUX: - if I could have some guidance on how to proceed with this questioning. |
| | | 10 | CHAIRPERSON: Well, let's see – |
| 19 | speak because you have to press and you have to ask | | |
| 20 | permission from the JOC. So if there are people who are | 20 21 | MS LE ROUX: Must I do a short statement like the earlier point – |
| 21 22 | still talking, it is not able to talk or maybe to ask | 21 | CHAIRPERSON: The problem is, okay, the |
| 22 | permission to talk. Chairperson, it is not only myself | 22 | problem is this, where you are putting opinions which Mr |
| 23 24 | that says that, there are numerous also, other witnesses | 23 24 | White is going to state in his evidence, we have a |
| 24 25 | that spoke about the radio. MR NGALWANA: Chair, for the sake of | 24 25 | statement from him, I know it is a provisional statement |
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| 3 | criticism which has been made, but I don't think that | 2 | use of cell phones on the 16th. I'm correct that in the |
| 4 | that's the point that Mr White wants to make, at least I | 4 | period leading up to the 16th the SAPS had difficulties with |
| 4 5 | would be surprised if that's the sole point he wants to | 5 | radio interference, correct? |
| 6 | make. I take it there is something more substantial that | 6 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, it |
| 7 | he wants to make, a point he wants to make about the radio | 7 | was a specific commander, that is Brigadier Calitz who |
| 8 | problems, am I correct? | 8 | reported that but not all members and that time it was when |
| 9 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chair, as I indicated | 9 | he was working under the electric pole. |
| 10 | Mr White, in light of the evidence that is coming in, | 7 10 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General, am I correct |
| 11 | relating to the SAPS reliance on radio difficulties to | 11 | that the SAPS planned for any difficulties around radio |
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| 14 | relating to how those could have been anticipated, should | 14 15 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Not correct, |
| 15 | have been anticipated because these type of difficulties | 15 | Chairperson. |
| 16 | are a routine in these type of operations. Chair, the | 16 | MS LE ROUX: What role was cell phones |
| 17 | difficulty – | 17 | going to play on the 16th? |
| 18 | CHAIRPERSON: The difficulty I have is, | 18 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, we |
| 19 | I'm not sure this is the right witness to ask about that. | 19 | have personal cell phones not only to use it on the 16th but |
| 20 | This seems to me to be more head office problem relating to | 20 21 | you can use it at all times. |
| 21 | the way the police work generally with the equipment they | | MS LE ROUX: And, Major-General, what |
| 22 | have and so on. I'm not sure that this witness is able to | 22 | role did you think the cell phones would play on the 16th in |
| 23 | deal meaningfully with it. I won't stop you but I just | 23 | particular? MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: You could use the |
| 24 25 | express my concern that, you know he may not really help | 24 25 | |
| 25 | us. The witness who can help us on this initially, I | 25 | cell phone to report to the JOC or to communicate to |
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| 2 3 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General, if you could | 2 | Colonel Modiba as well as at the bottom of the page the |
| | | 4 | Coin chopper, a Henry Swanepoel contact number is provided. |
| 4 | find photo 1020199 and 1020204 which have not previously | 4 5 | Chair, this would be exhibit 47. |
| 5 | been exhibited. They're in the - on the - | | |
| 6 | CHAIRPERSON: Is this a photograph we saw | 6 | CHAIRPERSON: You want an exhibit number |
| 7 | before or is it just a clearer version, something we saw | 7 | for this too? 47? |
| 8 | before or is this a different one? | 8 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chair. |
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| 10 | photograph. | 10 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chair. |
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| 12 | to be given an exhibit number? | 12 | confirm, Major-General that this was also in the JOC? It's |
| 13 | MS LE ROUX: Yes please, Chair. | 13 | on the screen. |
| 14 | CHAIRPERSON: Let me see if I can find my | 14 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Ja, Chairperson, I |
| 15 | - | 15 | confirm that it is in the JOC. They were in the JOC, yes. |
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| 17 | be, exhibit 46 would be the next number. | 17 | light of your answers we will be following up with our |
| 18 | CHAIRPERSON: [Inaudible, microphone | 18 | learned friends for the SAPS regarding the production of |
| 19 | off]. | 19 | the cell phone records for those cell phones that have not |
| 20 | MS LE ROUX: Of the JOC. And Major- | 20 | yet been provided. |
| 21 | General, if I could ask you to consider - we've zoomed in | 21 | CHAIRPERSON: Ms Le Roux, you did ask the |
| 22 | on the screen to the two large pieces of paper that are | 22 | witness I think yesterday about an SMS, so has that been |
| 23 | displayed in the JOC and they display the cell phone | 23 | provided yet? |
| 24 | numbers for Annandale, Calitz, Naidoo, Pitsi, Gaffley, | 24 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, I haven't received it |
| 25 | Tsiloane and McIntosh. | 25 | yet. |
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| 2 | will send off an email and we'll get it before close of | 2 | what happened on scene 2. |
| 3 | business today. Shall we carry on, Ms le Roux? | 3 | MS LE ROUX: Thank you, Major-General, I |
| 4 | MS LE ROUX: Thank you, Chair. Major- | 4 | don't want to cross-examine you on the evidence that will |
| 5 | General, I want to take you back to when you were in the | 5 | come from Mr De Rover, of the SAPS expert, but I do need to |
| 6 | Protea Coin Helicopter and in your statement at paragraph | 6 | understand some of what he's concluded and I wonder if you |
| 7 | 49 you said "I could see groups of people dispersing from | 7 | could help me in that exercise. Have you met with Mr De |
| 8 | the koppie and moving in a north and north-westerly | 8 | Rover? |
| 9 | direction. I could see the arrival of and engagement by | 9 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, |
| 10 | the water canons at koppie 3." Major-General, you've got | 10 | Chairperson. |
| 11 | the paragraph in front of you, correct? | 11 | MS LE ROUX: When did you meet with him? |
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| 2 | is the paragraph number? You did tell us but I can't | 2 | |
| 3 | remember what it was, in Mr De Rover's statement? | | was not a consequence of fire aimed directly at them, but |
| 4 | MS LE ROUX: I'll commence with paragraph | 4 | rather as a consequence of them being struck by rounds fired for other reasons, travelling through that area, |
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| 6 | CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. MS LE ROUX: And for the record - | 6 | rounds fired by members of POP from the north, NIU from the |
| 7 | | 7 | east, TRT and K9 from the south, and TRT from the west. |
| 8 | [15:43] CHAIRPERSON: Have you got it, Major- | 8 | Possibly as many as half of all 325 rounds fired, both |
| 9 | General? It's page 14 of the statement. | 9 | 5.56mm and 9mm, maybe more, may have travelled through this |
| 10 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, | 10 | area, although the exact number is hard to calculate. As a |
| 11 | Chairperson, I did get it. | 11 | consequence, this apparently safe area was in fact the most |
| 12 | MS LE ROUX: For the record, it states, | 12 | dangerous location within koppie 3." |
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| 14 | area appearing to provide optimum sight and fire cover." | 14 | "Conclusion on koppie 3 deaths – On the basis of all the |
| 15 | CHAIRPERSON: It's not 59, unless you've | 15 | data that has been placed before me, and through |
| 16 | got a different 59 from mine. Mr De Rover's statement, | 16 | application of my professional policing experience to that |
| 17 | FFF11 - | 17 | evidence, I believe that the deaths of nine protesters at |
| 18 | MS LE ROUX: FFF11A. | 18 | koppie 3 referred to above were incidental and not |
| 19 | CHAIRPERSON: Oh, 11A, I see. We haven't | 19 | intentional." |
| 20 | got 11A, hey. We'll listen patiently, but as long as the | 20 | Now Major-General, of course to complete this for |
| 21 | witness has got the statement to which you are referring – | 21 | the record, it's important to understand that your expert |
| 22 | you understand, there's a statement of Mr De Rover which is | 22 | has not reached a conclusion on the cause of death of the |
| 23 | marked, according to Ms Le Roux, exhibit FFF11A. I haven't | 23 | four individuals who died in hospital after being shot at |
| 24 | got that, but have you got? | 24 25 | scene 2. He's concluded that of the 13 who died at the |
| 25 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, the | 25 | scene, only five were shot intentionally, possibly in self- |
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| 2 | Brigadier Calitz, and they might shed light on this matter. | 2 | CHAIRPERSON: I don't know that that |
| 3 | CHAIRPERSON: Colonel Gaffley was there | 3 | phrase "decidedly unhelpful" is necessarily appropriate. I |
| 4 | when quite a lot of shots were fired by members of the K9 | 4 | know what you mean, but the fact is he seems to be saying |
| 5 | unit, which may have been incidental, whatever that means, | 5 | he doesn't know. Now you may argue later he should know. |
| 6 | as opposed to intentional, but he can perhaps help us as | 6 | There are all sorts of arguments you can advance in that |
| 7 | well, but it sounds as if you can't. Am I right? | 7 | regard, but if he doesn't know you can't expect him to tell |
| 8 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, | 8 | you something that he doesn't know about, and that to some |
| 9 | Chairperson. | 9 | extent is an unhelpful answer. But it's more helpful than |
| 10 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General, one final | 10 | a guess by somebody who doesn't really know but he pretends |
| 11 | question before I move on from this topic; is it your | 11 | that he does know. But anyway, I think we understand each |
| 12 | understanding that the SAPS case before this Commission is | 12 | other. Please carry on. |
| 13 | that nine of the deaths at scene 2 were incidental? | 13 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General, could I ask |
| 14 | CHAIRPERSON: He said, I think, he | 14 | you to turn to the pocketbook of Captain Cebekhulu. It's |
| 15 | doesn't know what the word "incidental" means, so I don't | 15 | item 29A on the index that was given to you, and Chair, I |
| 16 | know if you're likely to get a helpful answer from him on | 16 | believe it has been provided to you. It would need to |
| 17 | that. I think if you mean non-intentional, you might get | 17 | become an exhibit. |
| 18 | an answer. | 18 | CHAIRPERSON: HHH48. |
| 19 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General, do you | 19 | MR NGALWANA: For the record, Chair, for |
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| 21 | nine people who died at scene 2 were not intended to be | 21 | may be looking for Cebekhulu all over the record and can't |
| 22 | shot? | 22 | find it, it's actually Cebekhulu, which is spelt C-E-B for |
| 23 | CHAIRPERSON: Or to put it differently, | 23 | Bravo, E for Echo, K for Khulu, H, U for Uruguay, L for |
| 24 | are you familiar with the details of the SAPS case in | 24 | Lima, and U for Uruguay. |
| 25 | respect of the people who died at scene 2? Are you | 25 | CHAIRPERSON: He's a Zulu, he's stationed |
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| 2 | reference to debriefing on it. | 2 | to the people you've identified as being in charge of the |
| 3 | MS LE ROUX: Sorry, it commences at the | 3 | specialist units, Annandale, Tsiloane, Modiba, or Fritz, do |
| 4 | bottom of the previous page 61, "Debriefing at JOC by," and | 4 5 | you know if any of them held a debriefing at the JOC on the |
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| 7 | CHAIRPERSON: Yes, I see. That's page | 7 | during that day we were doing different work, but what I |
| 8 | 61, and at the foot of page 61 and the top of page 62. | 8 | know is that section commanders and commanders did meet |
| 9 | MS LE ROUX: Yes, Chair. Major-General, | 9 | their members. |
| 10 | do you have the document? | 10 | MS LE ROUX: I recall your testimony, |
| 11 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Not yet, | 11 | Major-General. My question was whether with respect to the |
| 12 | Chairperson. I do have pocketbooks that are not marked. I | 12 | four that you've just identified, Annandale, Tsiloane, |
| 13 | only see the one of Sergeant SN Cebekhulu. | 13 | Modiba, or Fritz, do you know if they held a debriefing at |
| 14 | CHAIRPERSON: Apparently we're told by Mr | 14 | the JOC on the evening of 16 August? |
| 15 | Ngalwana, who claims to be better at pronouncing these | 15 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, with |
| 16 | names than I am, he says is Cebekhulu. | 16 | regard to Major-General Annandale, because he was working |
| 17 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I've got it, | 17 | in the JOC, as I've indicated, I can say that he did not |
| 18 | Chairperson. | 18 | meet also the members on the ground. |
| 19 | MS LE ROUX: Major-General, if you could | 19 | [16:03] But with regard to Brigadier Fritz and the other |
| 20 | turn to the last page of that document, you should have a | 20 | officers, I don't know. But what I do know is that, |
| 21 | copy of two pages marked 60 and 61. Do you have that? | 21 | Chairperson, we have, I have received the report of scene 2 |
| 22 | MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, | 22 | through those commanders, which I do believe that that has |
| 23 | Chairperson. | 23 | been obtained from their members. |
| 24 | MS LE ROUX: And at the bottom of page 61 | 24 | CHAIRPERSON: Are you moving - |
| 25 | and then continuing at the top of page 62 it states, | 25 | MS LE ROUX: Chair, I'm mindful of the |
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