



PROJECT:

CRIME FIGHTERS'

PROTECTION

South Africa has a long history of political and social turmoil, and individuals who expose crime and corruption have often put their lives at risk.

These individuals, often referred to as whistle-blowers or activists, have been brave enough to speak out against wrongdoing despite the potential consequences.

LEGAL PROTECTION OFFERED FOR WHISTLE-BLOWERS IN SOUTH AFRICA:

- Witnesses to corruption are offered protection under the Witness Protection Act of 1998.
 - This includes relocation, changing the witness' identity.
 - But this protection is limited to people who are to give evidence in court.
 - No protection is given to their family.
- The second part of whistle-blower protection falls under the Protected Disclosures Act of 2000.
 - It protects certain disclosures made by employees against their employers.
 - A protected disclosure is any information that may show that a crime was committed.
 - The act only affords protection for disclosures that relate to statutory corruption.
 - This protection extends to public officials who disclose political office bearers.

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- The main objective for protected disclosures is to protect employees from being victimised for reporting corruption.
 - The Protected Disclosures Act provides protection through remedies for occupational detriment suffered due to such disclosure.
 - This may involve compensation or other remedial action.
 - The application of the Protected Disclosures Act is limited to occupational detriment and employment relationships.
 - It excludes commercial relationships such as parties to a procurement agreement. This is a severe flaw, given the extent of procurement corruption in the country.
 - Furthermore, these disclosures are only protected if made to the Public Protector or the Auditor General.
 - Other competent bodies that can investigate and prosecute corruption, such as the police or the National Prosecuting Authority, are excluded.
 - The Department of Justice and Correctional Services launched a process in August 2022 to review the legislative framework for whistle-blower protection.
 - The idea was to look for better ways to protect whistle-blowers – some of whom have been murdered for speaking out and exposing high-level corruption.
 - The proposals should have been finalised by the end of the financial year – March 2023.
 - This work entails:
 - Assessing submissions received.
 - Debates in the public space advocating for changes.
 - Conducting research.
 - Engaging in comparative studies of foreign jurisdictions.
 - Developing proposals to improve whistle-blower protection.
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VICTIMS:

- **Andre de Ruyter**, the former Eskom CEO, joined the state-owned enterprise three years ago and was confronted with significant procurement irregularities, maladministration, corruption and many other challenges, within Eskom. His allegations have been vehemently denied by the ANC, South Africa's governing party.
- **Babita Deokaran**, a senior investigator at the South African Revenue Service (SARS), is one of the most recent examples of someone who lost her life while trying to expose corruption. She had uncovered evidence of corruption and fraud within the agency and was found dead in her home in July 2019. Her death was ruled a homicide.
- **Moss Phakoe**, a councilor in the Rustenburg municipality, was shot and killed in March 2009. Phakoe had been working to expose corruption and mismanagement within the municipality and had reported his findings to the Public Protector's office. His murder remains unsolved.
- **Andries Tatane**, a community activist, was killed during a protest in 2011. Tatane was part of a protest against the lack of essential services in Ficksburg and was beaten and shot by police during the demonstration.
- **Sikhosiphi "Bazooka" Rhadebe**, a community activist, was assassinated in 2016. Rhadebe was part of a community opposing a mining project in the Eastern Cape and had received death threats before his murder.
- **Lucky Montana**, a former CEO of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA), was shot in 2018. Montana had been a vocal critic of corruption at the agency and had been testifying before a parliamentary inquiry into the matter when the incident occurred.

THE MOST RECENT ASSASSINATION OF FATHER AND SON, MR CLOETE MURRAY AND MR THOMAS MURRAY, IS EVIDENCE OF HOW DANGEROUS SOUTH AFRICA HAS BECOME FOR HIGH-PROFILE INDIVIDUALS:



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These individuals are just a few examples of the many brave men and women who have lost their lives while fighting against crime and corruption in South Africa.

Their sacrifice and courage continue to inspire others to work for justice and transparency, even in the face of danger and adversity.

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