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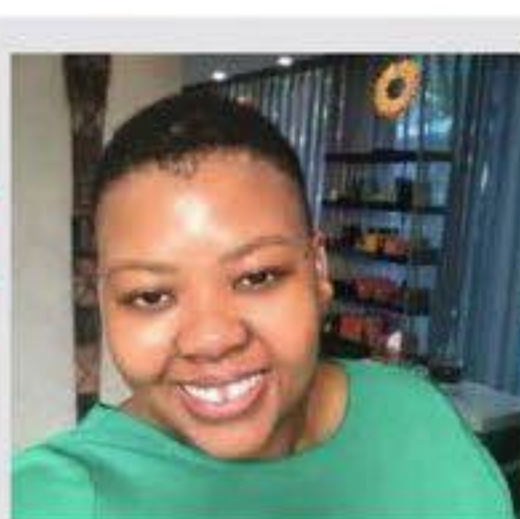
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'I NEVER POISONED ZUMA'



FORMER president Jacob Zuma. | LEON
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*No support from ex-president, MaNtuli to sue
NPA, Hawks for 'malicious prosecution'*

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NOMPUMELELO Ntuli, one of former president Jacob Zuma's wives, receives no financial support from her estranged husband.

This emerged after the NPA revealed that it would not be prosecuting anyone for Zuma's alleged poisoning owing to the lack of evidence.

MaNtuli, as she is affectionately known, is the fourth woman Zuma married and the second current wife. She has three children with Zuma.

The former president is married to Sizakele Khumalo, Thobeka Madiba and Gloria Ngema, and engaged to Nonkanyiso Conco. He and Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, now minister in the Presidency, were divorced in 1998.

Another wife, Kate Zuma, is said to have committed suicide in 2000.

In 2015, MaNtuli was accused of

being involved in a plot to poison the former statesman, and was subsequently banished from his Nkandla homestead.

Now she plans to sue the NPA and the Hawks for "malicious prosecution" after she was implicated in the poisoning saga, an allegation she vehemently denied.

MaNtuli wants to force the NPA and the Hawks to disclose what information they had against her to warrant being put up as a suspect.

Yesterday, her lawyer Ulrich Roux said they would be sending a letter of demand to the NPA and the Hawks by the end of the week.

"We will file a letter of demand that will go out this week and they will have 30 days to respond to that."

"If they don't respond to the letter, we will issue summons in a court of law," Roux said.

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NOMPUMELELO 'MaNtuli' Zuma was accused of being involved in a plot to poison then president Jacob Zuma. | S'BONELO NGCOBO



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■ POLITICS

**Digs for MPs
set taxpayer
back R744m**

MAYIBONGWE MAQHINA

THE government has spent a whopping R743.7 million over the past 10 years on the three parliamentary villages that house MPs and sessional officials who perform duties in the national legislature.

This amount was revealed by Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Patricia de Lille in a written response to a parliamentary question by DA MP Willem Faber, who quizzed government on the costs spent on Acacia, Pelican and Laboria Parks in Cape Town.

Acacia Park has 337 housing units and 155 apartments, Laboria Park 64 units and Pelican Park 108.

The MPs and officials stay at a nominal rent of about R400 or more a month.

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■ HEALTH

87 more listeriosis cases reported, 'but don't panic'

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LAST year a listeriosis diagnosis would be cause for panic.

But now it seems 87 confirmed cases since the deadly outbreak are no cause for alarm for health officials.

The 2017/18 outbreak led to the

deaths of more than 200 people across the country.

The deadly outbreak was traced back to a Tiger Brands factory.

The National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) said since the announcement of the end of the outbreak in September last year, 87 laboratory confirmed cases have been reported

in the country.

The institute is investigating 61 of the 87 cases, 77% of all confirmed cases – 21 people have died.

Most of the reported cases occurred in Gauteng with 31, followed by Western Cape, 23, and KwaZulu-Natal with 16 cases.

"Ages range from birth to 80 years

and 57% are female. Thirty-six percent of cases are pregnancy associated, with 30 out of 84 cases, followed by adults aged 15-49 and 50-64.

"Four cases in children aged from a month to 14 were reported," the NICD stated.

Symptoms of listeriosis include fever, muscle aches and sometimes nausea

or diarrhoea. If infection spreads to the nervous system, symptoms such as headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance, or convulsions can occur.

But infected pregnant women may experience only a mild, flu-like illness.

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