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**Statement by Mr Johannes Mnisi**

He was born in Swaziland on 15 November 1952 in Pretoria. His father's name was Piet Mnisi and his mother's Leah. His home address till 1980 was ..... in Pretoria. In 1965 at the end of my Std 3 school year he left school. He was not a member of any youth organizations.

He worked in Datsun car factory from 1966 till 1967 in Pretoria after that I worked for my father.

During 1977 my brother, Simon Mnisi left South Africa for .....

During 1980 Freddy, an undertaker came to visit our house. He convinced my mother, my brother (Ephraim) and himself to leave South Africa. He promised that the ANC would help us. He also explained the route we had to take and left 3 days before us. My mother and my father already lived separately. My father lived with another woman in ..... And we visited him from time to time.

Roughly around 15 May 1980 him and his two wives (Poulina Diphoko and Sophia Skosana) his mother and his brother (Ephraim) left for Komatipoort by train. From Komatipoort they travelled by bus to Steenbokand from there walked to the RSA/Mozambique border where they climbed through the fence of the border.

After they arrived in Mozambique they went to the nearest house where the owners took them to Namasha where the ANC members met them and took them to Maputo. We lived in an ANC house for 3 months in Matola. Me and my brother (Ephraim) with 72 other men were transported by air to Viana camp in Angola, we stayed there for approximately 2 months.

During November 1980 I departed to Malange camp. There were +-..... men. I was in Peloton 1 section 2. The Commisar was Ather Stuwese. I had training in ....., ..... Makarov pistol, politics and topography.

During April 1981 a person named "CHRIS" arrived at the camp. He selected me and 5 men and took us to Maputo where we lived in a flat in Mashave.

They were: -

- (i) Himself
- (ii) Pule
- (iii) Danyboy
- (iv) Derick
- (v) Mkulule
- (vi) Can't remember

In Maputo he met the following leaders:

- (i) Joe Slovo - ANC representative
- (ii) Rachid - Commissar
- (iii) Chris - Commander
- (iv) Gebuza - Commander
- (v) Manchak - Commander

He had further training by Chris and Rachid in the use of adhesive mines in Swaziland.

In June 1981 a man named "George" took them by car from Mashave to Mbabane in Swaziland.

They were: -

- (i) Himself
- (ii) Rachid
- (iii) Chris
- (iv) Thabogo

Rachid gave him and Thabago an order to explore Arnot, Camden, Hendrina and Njala power stations for sabotage.

George took them to Hlangano where a well set man with a light blue Chev bakkie with a white top met them. Near to Gege they got off on crossed the border to South Africa over the fence while the vehicle went through the border gate. In South Africa the vehicle picked them up again and transported them to ....., where he and Thabogo went by train to ....., Pretoria. They went to and old school friend, Phillemon Malefo where they stayed for 3 weeks.

He trusted Phillemon Malefo and asked him to help them with exploring....went to Mbabane in ....., where he introduced Phillemon to "George" and the other ANC members. They lived

in ANC flat in ..... Three days later he and Thabogo traveled to Maputo while "George" took Malefo to the RSA/Swaziland border.

Before they went to Swaziland, he gave Malefo a Makarov pistol nr.... with 2 stores and 6 rounds of ammunition. He did not want to take the gun to Swaziland. He showed Malefo how to use the gun.

Approximately 3 weeks later "Rachid" took the following persons from Maputo to Swaziland: -

- (i) Himself
- (ii) Danyboy
- (iii) Phiwe
- (iv) Matome
- (v) Mkukule
- (vi) Thabogo
- (vii) Derick
- (viii) Dessert

They met "Chris" in Swaziland.

"Rachid" and "Chris" gave them an order to sabotage the power stations him and Thabogo explored. We were grouped as follows: -

- (i) Himself - Commander
- (ii) Motome
- (iii) Phillemon Malefo
- (iv) Derick

Their order was to sabotage Arnot power station.

- (i) Thabogo - Commander
- (ii) Pule
- (iii) Mkulule
- (iv) Dessert

They had to sabotage Camden power station.

- (i) Phiwe - Commander
- (ii) Danyboy

They had to sabotage Njala power station, near Pretoria.

During the first week of July 1981 he travelled with a yellow ..... That was used by the ANC members at the time to go to Pretoria, where I stayed with Phillemon Malefo.

Approximately 3 or 4 days later he and Malefo went to Oshoek. They hid the vehicle in a bush one kilometer from the border and walked to cross the RSA/Swaziland border. They went to a flat in Mbabane. They met "Rachid", "Chris", and "George" as well as Phiwe and Danyboy there. Phiwe and Danyboy had a leather suitcase containing adhesive mines that was meant for Njala power station. "Chris", "George" transported me, Malefo, Phiwe, Danyboy per vehicle to the RSA/Swaziland border fence near to Oshoek where they climbed over the fence and walked to our hidden vehicle. They went to Mamelodi where Phiwe and Danyboy were hidden in the storage room.

During the afternoon of 20 July 1981, he went to Malefo with the yellow Passat and the Ranchero bakkie to Oshoek border fence for Phiwe and Danyboy with two pedal bicycles and the bag with four adhesive mines near Njala power station, Pretoria were dropped. They had to sabotage the power station that evening. We left the vehicle again in the bush near to Oshoek and crossed the border fence where we met with "George, "Chris" and the others. He and Malefo led them over the border fence to the vehicles. "George" and Chris went back to Mbabane. Thabogo's group drove with the Passat to Camden.

Himself, Malefo, Matome and Derick drove to Arnot power station with the Ranchero. They programmed the adhesive mines to go off 2 hours after we removed the safety pins. After they placed the and removed the safety pins they went back to Oshoek.

We dropped off Matome and Derick and they climbed over the RSA/Swaziland border fence. Himself and Malefo slept at a hotel near to Oshoek. The next morning Malefo returned to Mamelodi and he crossed the RSA/Swaziland border.

Almost two weeks later I went with the Passat again to fetch Phiwe and Danyboy in Mamelodi. Malefo drove with the Ranchero to Oshoek. Phiwe and Danyboy climbed over the border fence whilst he crossed the Swaziland border with a false passport.

He came back with the group and Malefo. They were:

- (i) Vix (Dept Commander)
- (ii) Johnny
- (iii) Sebepi
- (iv) Dessert

Barney the Commander was already in Pretoria. We returned to Mamelodi and the group stayed by Malefo's beerhouse. The next day he and Vix looked for the house in Erasmia. They discovered Barney alone at the home. He pretended he was the garden services.

At about 19h00 he and Malefo and the rest of the group went to the white house next to Erasmia. At the home they discovered a blue kombi with registration ..... Her drove the vehicle to Malefo's house, so that the vehicle does not raise suspicion. The assignment was that "Voortrekkerhoogte" from the house through the group with a Gran P. (122mm) rocket attack.

On 11 August 1981 at about 21h00 they carried the Grand P. and rockets out of the house to an open field behind the house and we saw a black policeman. We decided to postpone.

On 12 August 1981 at approximately 22h00 we took the Grand P. with the Ranchero bakkie to an open field between ..... and ..... Himself and Malefo, after they dropped off the group and rockets on the corner of ....., to wait for the group at "Voortrekkershoogte" after the shots were fired, take them away.

The noise of the rockets that was shot attracted the people of Ladium outside, because he and Malefo got scared and drove further down the road. They heard that five rockets were fire and heard gunshots fired later.

Approximately 15 August 1981 he and Malefo went to the house at Erasmia, where we found the group. They took them with A.K.47 guns and hand grenades to Malefo's storeroom in Mamelodi. I heard that Barney and Dessert shot at Indians in the area. They left the Grand P. in the field at Ladium. I also learned that Barney forget the Marakov pistol at the house.

On approximately 16 August 1981 Barney and Malefo packed the A.K.47 guns and hand grenades in a trunk and travelled to Malefo's mother's house in Dennilton where they hid it.

Approximately 30 August 1981 Malefo transported them with the Ranchero bakkie to Oshoek. He and the group climbed over the border fence to Swaziland while Malefo went with the vehicle through the border post. The next day he and the group went to Mozambique while Malefo stayed in Swaziland.

During the second half of November 1981 he received an order from "Rachid" to go and explore the "Hoogspanningsdrade" in the East Transvaal. As soon as his exploration was concluded he had to report to "George" in Swaziland, where a group of ANC saboteurs was to his disposal to execute the sabotage. He also received a black men wallet from "Rachid". Hidden in the wallet was a piece of plastic, where the "Hoogspanningsdrade" was supposed to be sabotaged was marked with a blue pen. The piece of plastic has to be placed on top of the map to East Transvaal.

On 24 November 1981 while I was with "George" in Swaziland Malefo contacted him by telephone. They made an appointment to meet on 25 November 1981 at 20h00 in the bush near to Oshoek.

On 25 November 1981 at 20h00 at the meeting place he was arrested. In his possession was the wallet with the sabotage plan as well as R3950.00

On 1 December 1981 he escorted and members of the security branch, ..... to East Transvaal. The reliability of the sabotage plan that was found on the piece of plastic has been checked and was found reliable.