



Press statement

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Defend our Democracy welcomes reports of Zuma handover to law enforcement

The Defend our Democracy campaign welcomes reports that former President Jacob Zuma will be handing himself over at a correctional services facility in KwaZulu Natal.

This follows the recent Constitutional Court judgement which sentenced the former President to 15 months' imprisonment for contempt of Court.

If the reports are confirmed, and the former President is indeed taken into custody, this will be an important step in affirming the principle that all are equal before the law.

We note the various legal processes that are still underway in relation to former President Zuma's matter, and call on people to respect the outcomes of Court proceedings as they unfold.

In light of the reports, it is imperative that individuals, organisations, as well as political parties and formations, react in a manner that is reasonable, responsible and lawful.

This moment requires us all to put the interests of our democracy first and uphold the Constitution and rule of law.

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