

NATIONAL

# Pandor wants more action on Israel

● SA must consider how to support call to free hostages held by Hamas

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food, more action was needed by the SA government.

The government needed to consider further measures to address the harm Israel continued to inflict on the people of Gaza, international relations & co-operation minister Naledi Pandor said in the National Assembly on Wednesday.

Pandor said that as Israel prepares to invade Rafah, where about 2-million Palestinians have sought refuge, and as it continues to block the entry into Gaza of trucks carrying aid, including desperately needed

"I do think more action must be considered by the government in order to indicate the serious concerns we have particularly now with the threats that are being made to Palestinians who are now gathered in Rafah. The threat of an onslaught on Rafah is presaging a horrible catastrophe," said Pandor. "We are extremely concerned."

SA should also consider what steps it could take to support the call for all hostages held by Hamas to be freed, the minister said. Pandor said during a ques-

tion-and-answer session with peace and security cluster ministers in the National Assembly that SA needed to be "far stricter" where there was oppression and denial of human rights.

SA was working with countries that shared its views on the situation in Gaza, where she said it was believed Israel intended to commit genocide.

SA was instrumental in asking the International Court of Justice (ICJ) under the Genocide Convention to impose provisional measures on Israel pending the conclusion of a legal process on whether it was committing genocide. The court decided on January 26 to impose provisional measures on Israel and gave the country a month to

report on what it did to implement them. The measures require Israel not to kill Palestinians, not to inflict bodily or mental harm and conditions of life calculated to bring about the physical destruction of the group in whole or in part, and not to impose measures preventing birth within the group.

Pandor said Israel did not respond positively to the ICJ ruling and SA alerted the ICJ to its concerns. She said SA would have an opportunity to respond to Israel's report which was submitted this week.

Palestine has applied to the ICJ to determine whether Israel's occupation of the territory constituted a form of apartheid and contravened the

UN charter and universal declaration of human rights. SA and 56 other countries made a submission in this regard.

Pandor said the cabinet had to deliberate and decide on the National Assembly resolution to close the Israeli embassy and to suspend diplomatic ties until Israel agreed to a ceasefire and committed to binding UN-facilitated negotiations that result in a two-state solution. SA has closed its embassy in Israel and Israel has withdrawn its ambassador from SA. An SA embassy in Ramallah services the region.

The EFF complained that it was "very out of order" for the cabinet to take so long to make a decision on the resolution. [ensor@businesslive.co.za](mailto:ensor@businesslive.co.za)



**Concern:** International relations & co-operation minister Naledi Pandor wants the government to consider more steps against Israel to signal concern about threats to Palestinians. /GCIS

LEGISLATION

## Solidarity loses bid to scrap NHI posts

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Trade union Solidarity has lost its high court bid to scrap the health department's National Health Insurance (NHI) branch, which it argued should have been established only after the NHI bill became law.

Parliament passed the bill in December, but it has yet to be signed into law by President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The ruling, handed down by judge David Unterhalter in the Pretoria high court on Tuesday, is important because it upholds the right of the executive to prepare for legislation before it becomes law with broader implications for other government departments planning reforms.

And though Solidarity lost the case, it won the argument about whether or not it had the standing to challenge the legality of hiring staff to prepare for NHI, which it plans to attack on multiple fronts.

"Although we are disappointed with the verdict, this is merely the opening salvo in our fight for the heart of healthcare in SA. The court has made it clear in its verdict that there is indeed a basis for us to launch these types of application [against the NHI]," said Solidarity's deputy CEO Anton van Bijl. The union had yet to decide whether to seek leave to appeal against the ruling, he said.

Solidarity was preparing to launch further legal action as soon as Ramaphosa signed the bill into law, he said.

Health department deputy director-general for NHI Nicholas Crisp said the judgment vindicated the department's argument that it had not overstepped in hiring staff to do preparatory work for the huge reforms envisaged in the bill. "We are not implementing anything, so we were quite surprised that Solidarity took the position that what we are doing is unlawful," he said.

Extensive work was required to build the digital systems required for NHI and develop new procurement mechanisms for medicines, devices and equipment, he said. Technical work was also getting under way to design benefits to be covered by the fund and plan the process for accrediting health facilities that would provide services to patients.

NHI is the state's plan for achieving universal health coverage, with all eligible patients receiving healthcare services free at the point of delivery.

Solidarity brought an application against the health minister, the health director-general and the public service and administration minister, seeking to have the department's recruitment of 44 staff and the establishment of an NHI branch reviewed and set aside.

The union's central argument was that these steps implemented the bill, which at the time was still being considered by parliament, and the action was therefore unlawful, irrational and failed to respect the constitutional separation of powers between the executive and the legislature.

The respondents' argument that Solidarity did not have standing was dismissed by Unterhalter, who said the union was acting on behalf of workers to ensure the executive complied with the law.

He found the department's decisions to hire staff and establish an NHI unit were lawful as they did not enact the NHI bill's provisions. It was appropriate, he said, for a department to build capacity for expected laws.

"It is hard to see how it is a sound basis for public administration that preparation for the implementation of radical law reform can only commence upon a bill becoming law," he said.

Crisp said that only 17 of the 44 posts advertised for the branch had been filled due to challenges in attracting suitable candidates.

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ENERGY

## Transition leaders want to ensure spending transparency

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The project management unit behind SA's Just Energy Transition Investment Plan (JET-IP) wants to ensure the public has full access to information about how the billions of rand of grant funding and concessional loans flowing from international partners are spent.

According to the JET-IP, the country will have to mobilise about R15-trillion over a five-year period to achieve those energy sector transition activities that need to happen for SA to meet its 2030 global climate change commitments.

Through the Just Energy

Transition Partnership between SA and international partner countries, more than \$11.6bn (R223bn) has already been pledged towards SA transitioning to a lower-carbon energy sector – including creating economic opportunities for workers that will be affected by, for example, the closure of Eskom's coal-fired power stations.

Of the \$11.6bn, about \$756m (R14.5bn) has been pledged as grant funding, said Joanne Yawitch, head of the project management unit responsible for implementing the JET-IP.

There had already been much "conversation" about how the grant funding portion would be spent, Yawitch told reporters

on Tuesday.

In response to this, the project management unit working with the international partners group developed a "publicly accessible and transparent database of projects that are being financed", Yawitch said.

For now, this database shows how grant funding has been allocated but will later be expanded to include the concessional loans and commercial financing used to support projects linked to the JET-IP.

"We would like this to be a database that will enable analysis by all stakeholders to see where we are in terms of implementation [of the JET-IP], and it will also be used for monitoring

and evaluation," she said.

More than half of the R14.5bn of grant money that has so far been pledged has already been allocated to specific projects.

Yawitch said they acknowledged that most of the funds were going towards technical assistance and capacity building, and not to "organisations on the ground".

This was partly because SA had a "weak pipeline" of just energy transition projects.

To address this, the project management unit would also establish a just energy transition funding platform, which was "already in the early stages of being set up".

This platform is intended to



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function as a matchmaker between suppliers of grant funding and potential beneficia-

ries. "We will also provide project preparation support services to project originators such as NGOs, community organisations and trade unions to help them prepare plans and apply for grants," Yawitch said.

"The mechanism that we are setting up is an attempt to ensure that there is a better flow of grant funding to a wider set of beneficiaries, including beneficiaries that have not so far been able to organise ideas that are sufficiently fundable," she said.

"We want to pay a lot of attention to building this project pipeline and to broaden the base of beneficiaries – particularly I think a priority area would be to support communities in

Mpumalanga who are likely to be affected over time as coal mines start to close or as power stations are decommissioned," Yawitch said.

Mpumalanga will be one of the provinces most affected by the JET-IP, the closure of Eskom coal-fired power stations will directly affect about 90,000 coal workers in the mines and power plants of Mpumalanga where the sector is concentrated.

The platform will serve as another mechanism to provide the public with regular analysis of the deployment of grant funds to just energy transition projects.

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## GPL INVITES PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE BILL

The Gauteng Legislature's Portfolio Committee on Environment, Agriculture & Rural Development (EARD) invites all interested individuals and organisations to comment on the Climate Change Bill of 2022. The Bill aims to establish an effective national climate change response, and a fair transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy and society.

### FOCUSED ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR SOUTH AFRICA, THE BILL ALSO AIMS TO:

- 01** Ensure an integrated response by the economy and society to climate change and its impacts in relation to principles of co-operative governance.
- 02** Provide for the effective management of inevitable climate change impacts by enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience, and reducing vulnerability to climate change.
- 03** Building social, economic, and environmental resilience and an adequate national adaptation response to climate change.
- 04** Contribute to global efforts to stabilize greenhouse gas concentration in the atmosphere to avoid dangerous human interference with the climate.

### INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS WITH AN INTEREST IN THE BILL ARE INVITED TO GIVE THEIR INPUTS USING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

Attending a public hearing on  
**Date: Friday, 15 March 2024**  
**Place: Naledi Hall, Bona St, Soweto**  
**Time: 10H00am.**

The session will be Live streamed through the Legislature's **YouTube and Facebook pages from 10am on Friday, 15 March 2024**

Submit comments in writing to  
**Ms. Lebogang Mampe (Committee Coordinator)**  
[lmampe@gpl.gov.za](mailto:lmampe@gpl.gov.za)

**Closing date for all submissions is Friday, 22 March 2024**

A pre-hearing workshop will be held at the **Legislature on: Wednesday, 06 March 2024, 10H00am.**

For more information please contact  
**Mr Ben Dhlomo on 079 522 9131.**

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### RESULTS OF SCHEME MEETING

Unless otherwise indicated, capitalised words and terms contained in this announcement shall bear the same meanings ascribed thereto in the joint firm intention announcement published by MiX Telematics and PowerFleet, Inc. ("PowerFleet") on SENS on 10 October 2023.

Shareholders are referred to the various announcements relating to the Proposed Transaction, the last of which was published on SENS on 27 February 2024.

MiX Telematics shareholders are advised that at the scheme meeting of the Company convened on Wednesday, 28 February 2024 (in terms of the notice of scheme meeting posted to shareholders on Tuesday, 30 January 2024) all of the resolutions tabled thereat were passed by the requisite majority of MiX Telematics shareholders.

Details of the results of voting at the scheme meeting are as follows:

– total number of MiX Telematics shares in issue as at the date of the scheme meeting: 607 837 362;

– total number of MiX Telematics shares that could have been voted at the scheme meeting, excluding treasury shares: 554 020 612; and

– total number of MiX Telematics shares that were present/represented at the scheme meeting: 537 643 828, being 88.45% of the total number of MiX Telematics shares in issue and 97.04% of MiX Telematics shares that could have been voted at the scheme meeting.

Special resolution number 1 – Approval of the scheme in terms of sections 114(1) and 115(2)(a) of the Companies Act

Shares voted*	For	Against	Abstentions <sup>^</sup>
537 589 153, being 88.44%	532 757 203, being 99.10%	4 831 950, being 0.90%	54 675, being 0.01%

Special resolution number 2 – Revocation of special resolution number 1 if the scheme is not implemented

Shares voted*	For	Against	Abstentions <sup>^</sup>
537 579 178, being 88.44%	532 736 428, being 99.10%	4 842 750, being 0.90%	64 650, being 0.01%

Ordinary resolution 1 – Authority for the board to issue a termination notice

Shares voted*	For	Against	Abstentions <sup>^</sup>
537 569 503, being 88.44%	532 753 628, being 99.10%	4 815 875, being 0.90%	74 325, being 0.01%

Ordinary resolution 2 – Authority to give effect to resolutions

Shares voted*	For	Against	Abstentions <sup>^</sup>
537 568 003, being 88.44%	532 762 103, being 99.11%	4 805 900, being 0.89%	75 825, being 0.01%

\* shares voted (excluding abstentions) in relation to total shares in issue  
<sup>^</sup> in relation to total shares in issue

MiX Telematics shareholders should note that the Scheme remains subject to the fulfilment or waiver, as applicable, of the outstanding Scheme Conditions, as set out in the Scheme Circular. The outstanding Scheme Conditions are expected to be fulfilled by 15 March 2024 which would allow for the Scheme to be implemented on or about 2 April 2024. Shareholders will be provided with a further update regarding the fulfilment or waiver, as the case may be, of all of the Scheme Conditions via SENS in due course.

### RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Independent Board and the MiX Telematics board (to the extent that the information relates to MiX Telematics) collectively and individually accept responsibility for the information contained in this announcement and certify that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information contained in this announcement does not omit anything that is likely to affect the importance of such information.

The board of directors of PowerFleet (to the extent that the information relates to PowerFleet) collectively and individually accept responsibility for the information contained in this announcement and certify that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information contained in this announcement relating to PowerFleet is true and this announcement does not omit anything that is likely to affect the importance of such information.

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