



TO: SINAWO THAMBO

TWITTER/X PROFILE: @Sinawo_Thambo

BY EMAIL: Sinawothambo1@gmail.com

Our Ref: A.MAYET/KENNY-KUNENE (ST)

Your Ref:

Date: 11 October 2025

RE: KENNY KUNENE // SINAWO THAMBO – SOCIAL MEDIA UTTERANCES AND STATEMENTS ON POSTS
UNDER X HANDLE @Sinawo Thambo DATED 10 OCTOBER 2025 AND 3 OCTOBER 2025.

1. We act on behalf of Mr. Kenneth Kunene herein after “our client”.
2. Our client has instructed us to address this letter to you, following your various social media posts published on the social media platform X, under your handle and/or profile @Sinawo_Thambo on the 10th October 2025 and 8th October 2025, wherein you published and peddled various defamatory, malicious and unfounded allegations against our client.
3. We are instructed that –
 - 3.1 On 10th October 2025, you published several posts on the aforesaid platform under your handle/profile @Sinawo_Thambo, wherein you made and/or peddled the following defamatory and unsubstantiated allegations against our client:

"Kenny Kunene Paid the bail" - In reply to a post that "KT Molefe

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was granted bail" and

"KT Molefe of the Patriotic Alliance (PA) is arrested for the killing of Armandt Swart, he gets granted bail in June 2025.

KT Molefe of the Patriotic Alliance (PA) is arrested in the presence of Kenny Kunene for the murder of DJ Sumbodiy, he is granted bail in October 2025.

Kenny Kunene is reinstated by Ramaphosa by force despite his links to this criminal as MMC of Transport in Joburg in October 2025 – We are further told Kenny Kunene awarded KT Molefe a tender in relation to Rea-Vaya buses.

It means we must all die here...; and

"Kenny Kunene paid the bail of KT Molefe of R400k.

Kenny Kunene was found twice at the home of KT Molefe.

Kenny Kunene gave KT Molefe tenders of Rea Vaya buses.

Kenny Kunene was with KT Molefe at Diplomat club yesterday and was supposed to go to Moja Café with him but retreated after we exposed that.

Do whatever you want. Sharp."

3.2 A copy of the various posts are attached hereto, marked "A".

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3.3 On the 8th October 2025, you published yet another defamatory and malicious post on your X handle/profile, this time in the form of a picture of our client and Mr. Molefe.

"[...] The Mayoral Candidate of the Patriotic Alliance (PA) Kenny Kunene is a known associate of this cartel member and was found in his home when arrested.

Kunene has recently been reinstated as an MMC of Transport in Johannesburg, affirming the influence of the Big 5 cartel in the city through Kunene.

Cry our beloved country."

3.4 A copy of this post is attached hereto, marked "B".

3.5 Collectively, the above posts will be referred to in this letter as your "Posts".

4. Our client instructs us that he is a respected politician and businessman, currently holding public office in the City of Johannesburg, and your posts are harmful and injurious to our clients good reputation and have directly affected his present and future interests and dignity.

5. We are instructed to further place the following on record:

6. That the abovementioned wrongful and defamatory statements in your posts are deliberately intended to incite the public and cause harm to our client and, in so doing are:

- i. an *ad hominem* impugnation to our client's ethical character and integrity;
- ii. unsubstantiated allegations of unlawful conduct and criminality on the part of our client, to bring

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his name, standing, and reputation into disrepute; and

iii. unsubstantiated and wildly speculative conclusions and assertions that our client is involved in corrupt criminal activities.

7. Our client further instructs us that he has developed his reputation and name in business and politics over 2 decades and is a respected leader. Your posts have directly impacted and infringed on his rights and have caused harm, as he is constantly being requested to respond to your defamatory, malicious and unsubstantiated allegations by third parties who reference your allegations.

8. The statements in question collectively create a false and damaging inference that our client is a corrupt individual engaged in criminal conduct. The defamatory allegations are calculated to defame and portray our client as being involved in unlawful activities and associated with alleged controversial or suspected criminals. These allegations are entirely unfounded and misleading. The dissemination of such content is not only defamatory but also intended to unjustly harm our client's reputation and public standing

9. Accordingly, we are instructed to demand, as we hereby do, the following:

a. That you forthwith **CEASE AND DESIST** from and/or causing any further harm to our client by communicating through your X handle/profile @Sinawo_Thambo and cause any third party to issue and/or publish any further spurious, false, unsubstantiated, inaccurate, and defamatory communication stemming from your Posts impugning the reputation and character of our client; and

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b. That you issue a formal withdrawal/retraction of all defamatory Posts that you have made and cause a public apology to be issued and publicized **within 48 hours** from receipt of this letter to the same X handle/profile @Sinawo_Thambo that you have published your Posts that are defamatory, malicious and contain unsubstantiated allegations.

10. Should you persist with the impugned conduct of peddling defamatory, malicious and unsubstantiated allegations against our client or fail to respond to this letter timeously, we hold instructions to institute legal proceedings against you which shall include a civil claim for damages against you.

11. Kindly provide us with a written undertaking that you have complied our client's demands set out above as well as an undertaking that you shall cease and desist from posting defamatory allegations against our client, by no later than **08:00 on Tuesday, 14th October 2025**.

12. All our clients' rights remain strictly reserved.

Yours Faithfully,

Letter not signed due to electronic transmission

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