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## **Media Statement**

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### **NPA TRIBUTE TO ADV PHF SONN**

Born on 25 September 1949, Percy Sonn joined the office of the Attorney-General; Cape Town on 01 August 1996.

In his capacity as Deputy Attorney-General, he applied his extensive legal experience, built up over many years at the Cape Bar.

With the establishment of the NPA, Adv Sonn was appointed as Investigating Director of the Directorate, Organized Crime & Public Safety, on 1 November 1998.

Here, he served with distinction, leading the Directorate in its early onslaught against urban terror, gangsterism and hijackings.

When the Scorpions were formally created on 12 January 2001, Adv Sonn was appointed its Head by President Mbeki.

He operated with distinction in overseeing the amalgamation of three Directorates nationally and in cementing the Directorate of Special Operations (DSO), as an indestructible force in the law enforcement landscape, in South Africa and internationally.

In this time, the DSO achieved some groundbreaking successes in asset forfeiture and racketeering cases; and in building public confidence in the country's fight against organised crime.

Percy Sonn, departed the NPA with effect from 1 January 2003, to pursue a career in the private sector. He will be remembered for his legal acumen, sharp wit, industry, sacrifice and undauntedness.

We convey our condolences to his wife, children and family.

May his soul rest in peace