

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: TWO MEN - ONE LIFE EACH PLUS 22 & 33 YEARS DIRECT IMPRISONMENT**

The Limpopo High Court sentenced Isiah Masenya (29) last week to one life plus 33 years and Doctor Magota (29) to one life plus 22 years direct imprisonment for rape, attempted murder, kidnapping and charges of robbery with aggravating circumstances.

Masenya and Magota's crime spree started on 09 February 2007 to September 2013 in the Makotopong village. Both accused threatened their victims with a knife and demanded cell phones and money. In one occasion, they met up with three women. Having threatened the women, they took them to the mountain side where they were repeatedly raped. One woman was assaulted and lost consciousness. They left under the impression that the woman was dead. The two women were then led to a deserted house in the village where they were repeatedly raped again. The two victims were released in the morning and they alerted the police.

Masenya was arrested and when he was awaiting trial for other offences, he raped his inmate inside the cells. He then escaped from the custody and continued to rape his victims until 2013.

Both accused pleaded not guilty and the court accepted the evidence of the state witnesses and convicted the accused as charged.

In aggravation of sentence the State Prosecutor, Advocate Eric Mabapa led DNA evidence. He argued that both accused deserved to be removed from the society and indeed the court punished them harshly for their callous crimes.

The NPA welcomes the sentenced.

Kind Regards,

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