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Zondo Commission – We won't be intimidated, says Zondo of robbery

The chairperson of the state capture commission, Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo, says neither he nor his staff will be intimidated into not doing their work as planned. This follows a robbery at the offices of the commission in Parktown on Saturday evening.

Several items were confirmed stolen from the premises by commission spokesperson Mbuyiselo Stemela on Sunday. These include two laptops and several documents believed to be related to the work of the commission. There were no injuries reported.

"If anybody is trying to intimidate the commission into not doing its job properly, they must know that the commission will not be intimidated," said Zondo.

"The men and women who keep this commission going every day dedicate a lot of extra hours to it, working in the evenings, over weekends, including Sundays, Saturdays, sacrificing to make sure that we have evening sessions here. They are very determined.

"I certainly will not be intimidated by anybody into not finishing the work the way it should be finished."

The commission hopes that law enforcement agencies do their work and find the culprits, he added.

Several days before the robbery a bullet was found in one of the offices of the same building, having been shot through a window, presumably overnight. Commission secretary Professor Itumeleng Mosala told television reporters on Sunday morning that he could not confirm if the two incidents were related.

The commission continues with public hearings on Monday, and is expected to hear parliamentary oversight evidence from National Assembly Speaker Thandi Modise as well as the chairperson of the National Council of Provinces, Amos Masondo.

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