

NPA boss Nxasana vacates office

PRETORIA: The National Director of Public Prosecutions, Mxolisi Nxasana, will leave his position on Monday, 1 June, the Presidency said.



The Presidency said President Jacob Zuma had reached a settlement with Nxasana, the Head of the National Prosecution Authority (NPA).

In July last year, President Zuma had informed Nxasana of his decision to institute an enquiry in terms of Section 12(6)(a) (iv) of the National Prosecutions Authority Act 32 of 1998, in order to determine his fitness to continue to hold office.

Nxasana had subsequently challenged the president's power to suspend him in the North Gauteng High Court.

"Pursuant to discussions and consultations held responsibly and in good faith, the parties recognised that protracted litigation and the holding of an enquiry are not in the best interest of the NPA, Nxasana, nor the government at large and, consequently, the president ceased the holding of such an enquiry.

"The government recognises that Mr Nxasana is professionally competent and possesses the requisite experience and integrity required to hold a senior position," said the Presidency.

It said President Zuma has expressed his sincere gratitude to Nxasana for his contribution to the work of the NPA and

wishes him well in his future endeavours.

Meanwhile, the Presidency said President Zuma has in terms of section 11(2)(b) of the National Prosecuting Authority Act, 1998, appointed the Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Dr Mashau Silas Ramaite, as Acting National Director of Public Prosecutions, with effect from 1 June 2015.

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