



THE ELECTORAL COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

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ISANCO and Bakoena Stephen Ramosie v Zukile Luyenge and Others (0040/2024EC) [2025] ZAEC 05 (03 December 2025)

Today the Electoral Court (EC) held that the application by Mr Bakoena Stephen Ramosie (the second applicant) and the counter application by Mr Zukile Luyenge (first respondent) have already been decided by two other high courts. In addition, the EC held that the second respondent's application for leave to file a supplementary opposing affidavit that seeks to introduce a report from the Legal Practice Council about a conduct of a certain attorney was *inter alia* not relevant to the current case. The EC dismissed the main application, the application to file a supplementary opposing affidavit, and the counter application. It further ordered each party to bear its own costs.

The second applicant lodged a complaint against the first respondent on the grounds that he is a dully elected, lawful and legitimate leader of the Independent South African National Civic Association (ISANCO), a registered political party. The second respondent lodged a counter application against the first applicant on the grounds that he is a dully elected, lawful and legitimate leader of ISANCO.

The EC ruled that the leadership dispute between the parties is *res judicata* because the relief sought by the parties has been determined by two separate divisions of the high court.

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