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UPDATE ON THE IN-HOSPITALISATION OF FORMER PRESIDENT ZUMA

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) is able to confirm that the Former President, Mr Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma, remains in hospital outside Estcourt Correctional Centre where he is serving a 15-month sentence.

Mr Zuma underwent a surgical procedure on Saturday, 14 August 2021, with other procedures scheduled for the coming days. As a result, DCS is unable to predict a discharge date as our priority at this stage is for Mr Zuma to be afforded the best care possible.

As inmates are placed in correctional centres involuntarily, the state has a total and inescapable responsibility and duty to care for them in a manner that does not violate or compromise their constitutional rights, which include access to health care.

We appeal to all people to refrain from speculating on the health of Mr Zuma and allow medical practitioners space to continue providing quality healthcare to him.

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