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Phala Phala farm theft: South Africa's Ramaphosa wins court battle over impeachment threat



CHENNAI – 26 Nov, 2026 South African President Cyril Ramaphosa has won a legal battle to overturn a report that found he may have a case to answer over the theft of large sums of cash from his private farm.

In 2022, an independent panel said Ramaphosa may have committed serious misconduct relating to the theft of $580,000 (£443,000), hidden in a sofa, at his Phala Phala game farm in the Limpopo province. He denied any wrongdoing.

Ramaphosa challenged the findings of the report in court after the Constitutional Court ruled that parliament had violated the constitution by blocking moves to impeach him.

The Western Cape high court ruled that the panel's report was unlawful and set it aside "in its entirety".

In its judgment, the court said the panel, appointed by parliament to investigate the allegations against Ramaphosa, had "misconstrued its function, the nature of the inquiry it was to conduct and the recommendation it was required to make".

The court also declared unlawful the steps taken by parliament in relation to the report.

Political analyst Khanyi Magubane said the court ruling was a victory for Ramaphosa as it gave him "political and constitutional credibility".