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Malusi Gigaba is caught in South Africa's latest sex tape fiasco

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South Africa's minister of home affairs Malusi Gigaba is at the centre of the internet's and the country's latest sex tape scandal, the politician confirmed on Sunday.



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In a thread, Gigaba acknowledged that a video (which quite literally portrays him with his pants down) doing the rounds online was genuine, and "publicly apologised" to the nation and his family.

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Gigaba added that the video has been used in "blackmail and extortion attempts, dating back to the period immediately following my appointment as Minister of Finance".

While these "attempts" have been reported to the authorities, Gigaba turned his attention to his family.

"I take this opportunity to publicly apologise, in advance, to the rest of my family — especially my kids, my mom and my inlaws — and the South African public for the pain and embarrassment the likely wider distribution of this private material will cause," he added.

Of course, Twitter being Twitter, #Gigaba began trending on the social network late on Saturday. It continued to trend well into Sunday.

Theories of how the video leaked was a top topic. SA businessman Kenny Kunene suggested that EFF leader Julius Malema purchased it.

" The truth about <u>@mgigaba</u> video is that he sent it to his wife. That is the only truth. Everything else is gossip n lies. @Julius S Malema vasted his money on this one.— Kenny Kunene (@Kenny T Kunene) October 28, 2018 77

The likes of Tbo Touch felt Gigaba owed the nation no apology whatsoever. "Do you my brother and whatever it takes to keep the romance on edge!" he added.

" My Brother @mgigaba you don't owe the public any apology! We relate to you in your profession not your personal life. Do you my brother and whatever it takes to keep the romance on edge! But here's my advise to you! pic.twitter.com/rRVYcxgi00— Tbo Touch (@jamtbotouch) October 28, 2018 77

Others just wanted to see the video.

" Bafwethu I've been waiting for this Home Affairs video, lethan phela #Gigaba pic.twitter.com/knhxlxhKg4— Fisokuhle Zwane (@Physoh_Madness) October 28, 2018

And those who did see it...

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According to his spokesperson Vuyo Mkhize, Gigaba has hired a private investigator to find those who obtained the video.

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