

Boeremag 20 claim police planted evidence,may apply to overturn convictions

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Pretoria - Boeremag members found guilty of high treason could apply for their convictions to be overturned, claiming that new evidence of a police conspiracy against them has surfaced. Judge Eben Jordaen postponed the action by 20 Boeremag members to January 24 to give them time to seek the advice of a senior advocate. Paul Kruger, who represents some of the accused, said a former police officer, Captain Deon Loots, made statements about the alleged conspiracy which were published in a Sunday newspaper in October last year. Two articles quoted Loots as saying that police spies had planted evidence and enticed Boeremag members to commit crimes. He said crime intelligence eavesdropped on conversations between the accused and their lawyers while they were in custody. Jordaen started giving judgment in the nine-year trial in July last year. All 20 men were convicted of high treason resulting from a right-wing plot to overthrow the ANC-led government