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GANGSTER STATE: PRH WILL TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISTRIBUTION

Penguin Random House is appalled by the ongoing illegal distribution of a pirated PDF of *Gangster State*, which is widely being disseminated on social media. It is of even more concern that prominent individuals appear to encourage this unlawful activity.

The distribution of pirated copies of *Gangster State* by Pieter-Louis Myburgh infringes our copyright as well as that of the author, and it is unlawful in terms of the Copyright Act of 1976.

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Pieter-Louis Myburgh said: "There is clear copyright legislation in place that should protect authors from piracy. It is astonishing that a senior political leader and a top legal professional are amongst those who seem to encourage the sharing of illegal copies of *Gangster State* on a public platform like Twitter."

We thank those individuals who have taken a stand in deleting the pirated copy and who instead have bought the book or the legal ebook.

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