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**INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATISATION OF PRISONS AND  
PRISON-RELATED SERVICES**

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Within the last month, there has been a very public case in the United States over corrupt judges who accepted bribes and kick-backs in the value of millions of dollars from privately run penal institutions for youths. These bribes were given in return for harsher sentencing resulting in time spent in institutions rather than more appropriate sentences. It is estimated that up to five thousand (5000) youths were improperly sentenced by these corrupt judges.

This is a perfect example as to why the privatisation of the reform system is grossly inappropriate and could lead to highly unethical behaviour. The prison and reform system is not, nor should it ever be about making a profit; it should be about appropriate processing of the law and rehabilitation.

Any government that hands over such critical functionality to private institutions is opening the door to corruption, misuse and abuse of the justice system.