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Mnangagwa fires 17 in fresh purge

President Emmerson Mnangagwa has reportedly fired 17 senior state security operatives for failing to provide intelligence of the meeting between former President Robert Mugabe and opposition National People's Party leader Joice Mujuru in Harare last week. A report on the **Pindula** site notes that leaked Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO) documents reveal that the top government spies were served with dismissal letters dated 5 February and signed by new CIO director-general Isaac Moyo. Sources said **just four of the 17 that were dismissed on Monday last week were older than 55**. They include the director of security Albert Miles Ngulube and Andrew Muzonzini, the director of external affairs.