

MEDIA ADVISORY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Unions Picket North West Premier Against Fraud and Corruption in the Private Security

Security officers will picket outside the Offices of the Premier of the North West in Mmabatho in protest over the perpetual irregular and fraudulent salary deductions of security officers in the province.

Hundreds of security companies in the North West, including some contracted to protect government properties and National Key Points, are under fire for failing to provide their workers with agreed upon benefits despite deducting millions of Rands from their salaries as part of a National Bargaining Council for Private Security Sector (NCPSS) Main Collective Agreement (MCA). This fraudulent and irregular deductions deny workers their well-deserved benefits including healthcare insurance and provident fund.

Members of Abanqobi Workers Union (AWU), Kungwini Amalgamated Workers Union (KAWU), National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA), South African National Security and Allied Workers Forum (SANSAWF) and South African Transport and Allied Workers Union (SATAWU) will be joined by other progressive unions in calling for the Premier of the North West to stop the alarming exploitation of security officers in the North West. As unions organising in the private security sector, we are aggrieved that Government continue to outsource security services to companies involved in this appalling exploitation of poor security officers.

Despite the economic constraints, the North West Premier Lazarus Kagiso Mokgosi and MEC: Provincial Treasury, Kenetswe Mosenogi should be boldly committed to ensuring that the provincial budget and attendant contracts to protect the assets of the People of the North West are not given to security companies that exploit hungry security officers. But instead of protecting those who protect us, Mosenogi is complicit in enabling non-compliant security companies to steal from security officers. Premier Mokgosi must not blindly follow in the footsteps of his predecessors in allowing these dastard acts of criminality to continue in the name of the North West Provincial Government. To this end, hundreds of security officers will be marching to the North West Provincial Legislature to say ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Members of the media are invited to join the demonstrations taking place as follows:

Date:	29 August 2024
Assembly Point:	Montshioa Stadium, Mmabatho (9am)
Memo Delivery:	Garona Building, Mmabatho (11am)

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We have had enough of white-collar crime.

We have had enough of company-sponsored fraud and exploitation of workers!

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