

MEDIA STATEMENT - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Reminder!!!

NEHAWU Press Conference on the Day of Action against the Northern Cape Legislature and the Department of Education on tomorrow 1pm in Kimberly

Wednesday October 18, 2017

The National Education Health & Allied Workers' Union [NEHAWU] will convene a press conference tomorrow, 19th October 2017 to outline plans, state of readiness and details of the Provincial Day of Action against the Northern Cape Government directed to the Premier's Office, Office of the Speaker and MEC for Department of Education.

The National Office Bearers of NEHAWU visited branches in the province earlier in the month as part of an extensive programme of visiting branches with the aim of listening to members about their working conditions, demands in order to find amicable solutions to all challenges facing them at the workplace.

Having visited most branches in Kimberly but the NC Legislature, Kimberly Hospital and the Department of Education prompted us to organise a Provincial Day of Action in the form of a march. At the Legislature we found out that there was gross corruption and wasteful expenditure. This impelled us to open criminal cases against the Deputy Speaker of the legislature, the Chief Financial Officer, the then acting manager responsible for human capital, the Head of Staff in the office of the speaker and the Secretary to the legislature.

A criminal case was opened on the 6th October 2017 at the Kimberly Police Station. At the time of opening a case, the police told us that we could not get a case number as their computer systems were offline and advised to follow up in a weeks' time which we did. To our dismay, upon arriving at the police station today to get a case number as promised, we are told that the station lost our files and that we should come back to open a new case. Upfront, we refused to reopen the case and decided to write a letter to the Station Commander with the intention to report the mishandling of our case, if nothing tangible coming from the

Station Commander, the union shall be left with no option but to elevate the matter to IPID for investigation and action.

Our members at the Department of Education have been marginalised for a very long time while the management refused to implement agreements made between them and the union in relation to salary increments and working conditions. We have since failed to resolve these issues in the boardroom thus we have chosen to take them to the streets.

The National Union has begun with the mobilisation process towards the Day of Action.

Details of the press conference:

Date: **Thursday October 19, 2017**

Venue: **NEHAWU Provincial Office 4 Dalham Road, Kimberly, Northern Cape**

Time: **13h00**

Members of the media are encouraged to attend and to cover the press conference. Please confirm attendance with NEHAWU Media Liaison Officer Cde Khaya Xaba at 082 455 2500 or khaya@nehawu.org.za



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