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ABASEBENZI gear up for national strike! Kgomo tso Medupe Share THE public should brace themselves for a national shutdown strike. This after the Public Servants Association (PSA) and the government failed to reach an agreement on the wage increase negotiations. The PSA, representing 235 000 members in the public service sectors, said with the support of the Federation of Unions of South Africa (Fedusa), it will be embarking on a national strike from Thursday, 10 November. The strike will have a serious impact on the activities of departments, especially Home Affairs, transport, and border control. Even matric pupils who are writing their final exams will not be spared from the strike. The strike is expected to be the first major public service strike since 2010. In a statement, the PSA said they issued the union's strike notice on 24 October after a deadlock was reached in salary negotiations following the government's offer of a 3% increase and discontinuation of the cash gratuity after 31 March next year. "The PSA has demanded a revised offer of a 6,5% increase and the continuation of the cash gratuity beyond 31 March 2023," said PSA spokesman Reuben Maleka. Newsletter Weekly Daily Sun Newsletter Celebs, drama and news you might have missed. Sign up "Public servants, like other employees and taxpayers, are feeling the severe effects of major price increases for fuel, transport, and food, as well as interest rate hikes," he said. Maleka said the cash gratuity, which is not pensionable and thus not an ultimate solution, assisted public servants and, if retained beyond March next year, will further assist public servants who have not received a salary increase for the past three years. "The government's decision to unilaterally implement the meagre increase in

public servants' salaries in November 2022 has angered the PSA, and the union will intensify its efforts to protect public servants' rights and interests as underlined by nationwide marches on 10 November 2022," he said. Broos lashes out Beer Cup | Dailysun BAFANA Bafana coach Hugo Broos says the Carling Black Label Cup scheduled for FNB Stadium on Saturday stood in his way to start preparations for the friendlies against Mozambique and Angola in Mbombela Stadium on 17 and 20 November. He added that the unilateral decision by the government will have a serious impact on how negotiations will be conducted in the public sector in future. "This irresponsible action has further damaged the already fragile relations and severe trust deficit between the government and unions," he said. Meanwhile, the Department of Public Service and Administration said they have noted the social media reports that the PSA would be embarking on a national march on 10 November, despite having served the employer with a notice to commence with the strike on or after 3 November this year. "The department has put measures in place to mitigate the impact of such an action by the PSA, including concluding the picketing rules that state that picketing shall only take place during lunch hour or tea breaks outside the premises of the employer," said the department's spokesman, Moses Mushi. He added that all provisions related to the management of employees participating in the protected strike shall apply....