



MEDIA RELEASE **PSA calls for urgent restoration of electricity to Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital in KwaZulu-Natal**

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The Public Servants Association urgently appeals to the eThekweni Municipality to prioritise the restoration of electricity to Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital in KwaZulu-Natal.

Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital plays a critical role in the province, offering specialised high-care facilities. The current outage has already led to the closure of clinics, further exacerbating the strain on healthcare services. The current outage poses a grave risk to the lives of patients and the well-being of employees of this institution. Reports reveal that some wards are operating in darkness, necessitating the transfer of patients to alternative health facilities. The swift restoration of electricity is paramount to minimise additional strain on already overburdened hospitals grappling with patient overcrowding. The current situation has also impacted the residential quarters of hospital staff, with food in refrigerators at risk of spoiling owing to the absence of electricity.

The PSA implores the Hospital's CEO and Head of the Department to expedite assistance, including the provision of extra generators, as employees operate within tight monthly budgets and cannot afford additional expenses. The PSA also urges the Department to explore the implementation of more solar-energy systems to mitigate disruptions to patient care and employee well-being. It is imperative that all healthcare facilities have sufficient backup systems in place to ensure uninterrupted services.

The PSA calls on all stakeholders to prioritise the restoration of electricity to the Hospital to safeguard the health and safety of patients and employees.

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