



MEDIA RELEASE PSA calls on Mpumalanga Premier to address Emalahleni protest

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is disappointed with the manner in which the Mpumalanga Premier is handling current protest action on the N4 route near Vosman, in Emalahleni, Mpumalanga.

The N4 is a main route for commuters between various areas making their way through Emalahleni towards the N12 to Pretoria. The route was barricaded by residents and the protest action become violent as protestors resorted to violence by throwing stones and damaging vehicle that attempted to use the road, including burning two trucks. The PSA also learned of a fatal incident wherein a 15-year-old boy was allegedly shot and killed during the protest action.

Emalahleni residents have been without power since 10 May 2023. The PSA is extremely concerned about the impact of this situation on workers commuting to work and the resulting impact on service delivery. The protest action inevitably means the public is restricted from receiving services at government departments in the area.

The PSA calls for urgent intervention by the Premier of Mpumalanga to ensure the prompt repair of the transformer that caused the outage or seek other measures to guarantee the return of electricity to Emalahleni to end the protest action.

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