

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA concerned about chaos at Northern Cape Urban TVET College, Kimberley
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has noted with total disbelief events at the Northern Cape Urban TVET College in Kimberley in the Northern Cape where some 100 students were evicted from their accommodation by landlords as the National Student Financial Aid Scheme has not made payments since January 2025.

Students have been demonstrating since 2 June 2025 at the College's central office. None of the managers, however, took time to address their concerns. It is concerning that the situation has now escalated into violence that affects employees at this institution. In a video being circulated, offices being set on fire. It is not confirmed if disgruntled students are responsible.

It is concerning that the College spent R12 million on a gate at one of its campuses in Galeshewe. Millions were also spent on four water tanks at the City Campus, Moremogolo Campus and Phatsimang Campus, which are not functional.

Whilst affected students have no place to stay, there is a building at Phatsimang Hostels, which could easily accommodate up to 200 students. The building requires some work, but if financial resources were directed to the fundamental needs, including accommodation, the current violent situation could have been averted.

The PSA urges the principal College to act swiftly and intervene before the situation escalates, also considering that affected students are also busy with examinations.

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