



MEDIA RELEASE **PSA concerned about safety of workers owing to Western Cape taxi strike and violence**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is extremely concerned about the safety of the Union's members and other workers in the Western Cape amidst the current taxi protest action and violence.

PSA members, along with other commuters, were left stranded in the Cape Town CBD and surrounding areas on 3 August 2023 owing to this protest action, with some only arriving home at 22:00.

The safety of PSA members and other commuters has been compromised as the protest action has been marred by violence and threats, including burning of busses and other vehicles.

The PSA has approached some government departments with the request to allow their employees to work from home until it is safe to return to the office. Some have responded positively, but some managers are insensitive to employees' plight and appear to be in denial regarding the magnitude of the protest action. Some employees were even refused permission to leave early on 3 August 2023.

Government, as an employer, is required to ensure the safety of its employees and the PSA calls on all government departments in the Western Cape to allow employees to work from home until 9 August 2023, or until the protest action has come to an end.

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