

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA condemns alleged irregular appointments and intimidation at DPME
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The Public Servants Association (PSA), the Union that represents the majority of employees as the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME), noted with dismay the serious allegations of irregular appointments made by the Department.

The PSA lodged numerous grievances about the irregular appointments of Mr Ntabozuko Nomlala into the position of Chief Director: Corporate Services, and Ms Nokuthula Nqaba into the position of Head of Director-General office. The DPME ignored and dismissed these grievances and instead, senior management intimidated and threatened the PSA's shop stewards to force them to withdraw the allegations.

The PSA, as a result, lodged a complaint with the anti-corruption hotline of the Public Service Commission (PSC) in March 2020. The PSA maintains that the DPME is expected to uphold high moral and ethical standards as it serves under the Presidency. The DPME's integrity and image is of paramount importance. The PSA furthermore consistently requested the DPME to deal decisively with corruption and maladministration.

The PSA welcomes the swift response by the PSC to investigate the serious allegations of irregular appointment into senior positions at the DPME. The PSC is urged to speed up investigations and provide clear remedial actions.

The PSA furthermore condemns the intimidation of shop stewards and encourages all public servants to report any form of corruption and maladministration through the PSC's anti-corruption hotline.

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