MEDIA RELEASE	**PSA condemns eviction of member and abuse of power at Inkosi Albert Luthuli Hospital**
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) in KwaZulu-Natal, is disturbed by the decision of the acting CEO of Inkosi Albert Luthuli Hospital to proceed with a High Court action to evict a PSA member who is also shop steward, from the hospital residence. The PSA views this as an attack and victimisation of PSA shop stewards who have consistently challenged management for the ill treatment of the Unions members employed at the Hospital.

It is alleged that the PSA shop steward does not qualify for official housing and that she is in arrears with payment of the rental amount. However, the PSA is aware of other residents who are not paying any rental and who do not qualify for official housing but have been staying for prolonged periods without the Department taking any action against them. It appears that the PSA official is being victimised, as they have also allegedly been prevented from receiving promotion for over 15 years. Furthermore, the very same acting CEO who allegedly initiated the eviction process, allegedly allowed a retired Deputy Director General to occupy a three-bedroom flat for over 12 months without being forced to move out, this demonstrates the alleged abuse of power by the acting CEO.

Besides the inconsistent treatment of employees, the PSA has also discovered the alleged abuse of contract workers and the irregular filling of posts. This alleged abuse of power and inconsistent and unfair treatment of certain employees is unacceptable and the PSA urges the MEC of Health in KwaZulu-Natal to intervene in this matter and also investigate the other alleged irregular administrative actions and abuse of power by Management, to ensure good governance and restore confidence in the hospital's leadership. The PSA already took the eviction of the PSA shop steward up with the acting CEO and has handed over a memorandum calling for a stop of the High Court application to evict the member.

The PSA will not remain silent when the Unions members are subjected to such treatment. Swift action must be taken to rectify this situation and protect the rights of workers.

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