

**MEDIA RELEASE                      PSA condemns planned SABC retrenchments**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) strongly condemns planned retrenchments at the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC), that will leave almost a third of workers unemployed. The SABC is set to retrench almost 600 workers despite strong protests from unions within the National Broadcaster. The PSA has previously condemned any job losses at the Broadcaster.

This is the country's National Broadcaster, and every effort must be made to save it. The continued looting of state resources and maladministration over the years has now resulted in employees having to pay the price for those in management involved in corruption. The PSA calls on the Government to urgently intervene and assist the SABC. The mooted retrenchments will further contribute to the country's growing unemployment statistics. The PSA pledges its solidarity with SABC employees and calls on all stakeholders to explore solutions that will address the rot without sacrificing employees who were not part of the decay. The SABC is the only service provider for a majority of vulnerable and poor communities to access information and communication in the country. The demise of the SABC will also affect millions of learners that rely on the Broadcaster to provide teaching aids and learning material, in support of the country's curriculum.

The PSA supports the strike by the affected employees and calls on the SABC to stop retrenchments and urgently continue to engage with all stakeholders to find resolutions to save not only the Broadcaster but the loss of jobs of employees, whose families depend on this income for survival.

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