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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is extremely concerned about ongoing incidents of taxi-related violence affecting communities across the Western Cape.

Escalating tensions in the minibus taxi industry have resulted in fatalities, injuries, disruptions to public transport services, and heightened anxiety amongst commuters who rely on these services. The PSA condemns any form of violence, intimidation, or unlawful conduct that threatens the safety and wellbeing of commuters, taxi operators, residents, learners, and workers. Violence can never be an acceptable means of resolving disputes, irrespective of the issues in contention. The loss of human life and the suffering inflicted upon innocent people are unacceptable and must be brought to an immediate end.

The PSA is particularly concerned about the impact of the violence on employees who depend on public transport to report for duty and render essential services to communities. Continued instability in the transport sector places commuters at risk, undermines service delivery, and places additional strain on vulnerable communities.

The PSA acknowledges and supports ongoing efforts by government authorities, law-enforcement agencies, community leaders, and stakeholders in the taxi industry to restore calm and stability. Meaningful engagement, lawful intervention, and effective enforcement measures are critical to preventing further loss of life and ensuring accountability for criminal conduct.

The PSA calls on all parties involved to immediately cease all violent and unlawful activities and commit to constructive engagement and peaceful dispute-resolution processes. The safety and interests of commuters must be placed above organisational and commercial disputes. Authorities must be assisted in identifying and prosecuting those responsible for acts of violence and criminality. Cooperation is critical in ensuring the long-term stability and safety of the public transport sector.

The PSA urges all stakeholders to act with urgency and responsibility to restore peace, safeguard lives, and ensure that residents of the Western Cape can travel safely and without fear.

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