

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA distances Union from letter attacking <i>ActionSA</i>
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has noted a letter in circulation in KwaZulu-Natal, bearing the PSA's letterhead, which puts political party, *ActionSA*, in a negative light.

In the letter, the PSA is purported to raise serious concerns about trending issues at Benedictine Hospital where union members are allegedly exposed to confrontation with politicians and/or community leaders with potential danger to their lives. It is further stated that *Action SA* should not be allowed to co-manage the Hospital, and should it want to get involved in labour matters, it should register trade union to allow access to attending IMLCs and Chamber meetings to bring issues to relevant structures.

The PSA categorically states that the Union has no knowledge of this letter. It was not issued with the approval of the PSA, and an internal investigation has been launched into the origin of the letter. The PSA upholds the principles of accountability, transparency, and respect for the constitutional democracy. The PSA recognises the separation of powers and the right of political parties and civil society to challenge any irregularities at public institutions. The PSA has consistently spoken out against the ill-treatment of Union members at Benedictine Hospital but has never involved any political parties in labour matters affecting employees and Union members. The PSA believes this matter warrants a full investigation, and those responsible for must be held accountable.

It is important to clarify that the PSA is a non-political organisation that advocates for good governance, employees' rights, and service-delivery improvements. The PSA respects and supports all legitimate oversight efforts, including those conducted by *ActionSA* or any other political party in addressing irregularities at state institutions. The PSA's commitment is to collective oversight and ensuring that public resources are managed in a manner that benefits all South Africans.

The PSA apologises for any misunderstanding or inconvenience caused by the said letter's contents, particularly any perceived attack on *ActionSA*. The PSA does not oppose any political party's lawful oversight role, as this is a fundamental pillar of constitutional democracy. The Union urges all stakeholders to prioritise stability at Benedictine Hospital. The PSA will continue to engage relevant authorities to address the ill-treatment of members and broader governance concerns at the facility.

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