

MEDIA RELEASE PSA requests inquest following passing of Union member at Inkosi

Albert Luthuli Hospital in KwaZulu-Natal

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is calling for an urgent investigation, following the untimely passing of a PSA member, Mr Mthoko Qwabe, his Inkosi Albert Luthuli Hospital residence over the weekend.

In light of this incident, the PSA appeals to the Department of Employment and Labour, the South African Police Service, as well as the Head of the Department of the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health, Dr Sandile Tshabalala, to conduct a thorough inquiry into the circumstances surrounding Mr Qwabe's passing. It is crucial that the cause of his death be uncovered and to ensure that justice is served.

Mr Qwabe served as a Ward Clerk Administrator at the Hospital, where he demonstrated unwavering dedication and commitment to his role. His contributions to the Hospital and the PSA were highly valued, and his loss will be deeply felt by all who had the privilege of working with him. The PSA stands in solidarity with Mr Qwabe's family, colleagues, and close friends during this time of profound grief. The PSA also extends gratitude to the medical staff at the Hospital for their efforts in caring for Mr Qwabe.

The PSA requests that the privacy of Mr Qwabe's family be respected as they mourn the loss of their beloved family member. The PSA's deepest condolences go out to Mr Qwabe's family, colleagues, and close friends during this difficult time.

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