

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA welcomes decision by Road Accident Fund Board to place CEO on special leave amidst ongoing investigation
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is satisfied that the Road Accident Fund (RAF) Board of Directors has taken a solid decision place the entity's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on special leave as a precautionary measure until a current investigation process is completed.

The PSA previously called for the suspension of the of the CEO, following disturbing revelations regarding a R79-million lease scandal. The CEO is alleged to have manipulated the procurement process to favour a losing bidder. The CEO's integrity and ethical conduct were questioned owing to this transaction.

This development of special leave being imposed on the CEO, follows a series of legal and financial challenges experienced by the RAF under his leadership. The PSA welcomes the decision and will continue to condemn maladministration and corruption in state entities. The CEO has failed to bring tangible changes in the performance and strategic direction of the RAF, with the entity having a deficit of R25.5 billion and a backlog of claims in previous financial cycles. The RAF continued under the CEO's leadership to embark on inefficient litigation processes against a panel of attorneys regarding fraudulent road-accident claims.

The PSA is pleased that the special leave imposed and the on-going investigation into alleged irregular procurement processes will likely influence the future direction of the RAF and the roles of management. The PSA urges the Special Investigating Unit and law enforcement agencies to fast track this investigation process in the interest of stability at the RAF.

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