

MEDIA RELEASE BOSASA corruption: PSA welcomes arrest of DCS officials

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the decisive action taken by the Hawks resulting in the arrest of six Department of Correctional Services (DCS) officials in connection with corruption, money laundering and fraud related to BOSASA contracts.

"The PSA represents some 13 000 DCS employees and has seen first-hand the impact and ripple-effect of corruption on the state of prisons in the country. This situation directly impacts on the safety of DCS employees. It is unacceptable that government officials can mismanage R1.6 billion in funds meant to improve conditions of correctional facilities, DCS employees and inmates," said PSA General Manager, Ivan Fredericks.

"The PSA welcomes the speedy action taken by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, but the Union still demands that all tainted contracts given irregularly to BOSASA be terminated with immediate effect. With the fresh concerns raised by international governments on the levels and extent of corruption in the South Africa, the PSA also urgently calls on President Cyril Ramaphosa and law enforcement agencies to act decisively in all cases of corruption allegations being raised in the various Commissions of Inquiry that are currently taking place," said Mr Fredericks.

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