



MEDIA RELEASE **Public servants set to strike after rejecting wage offer**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), representing some 235 000 members in the public service, will be embarking on a national strike from next week, impacting on service delivery across all government departments.

This will be the first major public-service strike since 2010. The PSA gave notice to strike on 24 October 2022 after rejecting a meagre 3%-wage offer from government. Unions initially demanded a 10% increase when negotiations started in May 2022 and later revised this to 6.5%.

Public servants have been paralyzed by inflation, increases in the cost of fuel, food as well as interest rate hikes. Despite this, they are still expected to render services without receiving a pensionable salary increase for the past three years.

Government's offer to public servants included a once-off cash payment of R1 000, which does not materially improve their income. From 4 November 2022, PSA members in North West will commence with picketing at various points in the province. On 10 November 2022, PSA members across the country will participate in marches in various provinces. The main gathering will take place in Gauteng, where members will be marching to the Union Buildings to hand over a memorandum. PSA members in North West will join the march taking place in Gauteng.

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