



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **EASTERN CAPE - MTHATHA AREA**

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## Notification: Peaceful protest against GEMS abuse of power

Following developments reported in the previous *Informus*, the PSA noted that GEMS has implemented a revised 9.5% membership fee increase for 2026, effective from February 2026, without agreement by unions. Despite prior engagements, GEMS has not addressed members' concerns regarding affordability and justification.

In terms of the *Gatherings Act*, the PSA in Mthatha will conduct a peaceful march and gathering at the GEMS offices at Savoy Complex, Mthatha, to submit a memorandum demanding clarity, reconsideration of the fee increase, and protection of members' interests.

### Gathering details

- **Date:** 21 February 2026 (**Saturday**)
- **March start:** 09:00 from PSA Offices in Mthatha
- **Route:** Via the High Court (approximately 4 km to GEMS offices at Savoy Complex)
- **Arrival** at Savoy Complex: 10:00
- **Gathering and memorandum submission:** 10:00 to 12:00

The PSA has catered for 600 members. T-shirts will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis on the day. Marshals will ensure orderly conduct along the route and at the gathering, in collaboration with KSD Traffic Services and the SAPS, in line with safety and legal requirements.

### Member registration

Interested members must submit their names through their shop stewards or directly to PSA Organising/Marketing Officers:

- Zizipho Shukuma - 082 880 2936
- Zingisile Mgxaji - 082 880 8959

Members from outside the Mthatha area are welcome to participate but must cover their own travel costs.

### Member instructions

- Assemble at PSA Office by 08:00.
- Follow instructions from marshals at all times.
- Maintain peace and order throughout the march and gathering.
- Observe safety precautions, including hydration owing to heat.
- Collect T-shirts early, allocation is first-come, first-served.

For enquiries or coordination, contact: Zizipho Shukuma - 082 880 2936 / [Zizipho.shukuma@psa.co.za](mailto:Zizipho.shukuma@psa.co.za)  
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Your cooperation is vital to ensure a lawful, safe, and orderly march and gathering, whilst effectively conveying members' concerns to GEMS. For employees wishing to join the Union of Choice - do not miss this golden opportunity - join a Union that protects members' rights and promotes their interests whilst promoting their health concerns and right to fair and equitable medical aid.

Through peaceful march and gathering, PSA members are sending a clear message: Healthcare must remain affordable for public servants.

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