



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

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## Inferno destroys Botha Sigcawu building: Eleven state departments displaced - PSA at your service

A devastating fire tore through Botha Sigcawu building in Mthatha last night, obliterating the offices of eleven state departments and leaving government operations in disarray. With office space in the city scarce, officials are urgently strategising relocation plans to ensure continuity of services.

The Department of Education has already announced a temporary move to Trinset Building, whilst other departments remain in limbo as management scrambles to secure alternative facilities.

The building previously faced service disruptions, including electricity cuts owing to unpaid bills, which left workers stranded outside. It was regarded as a symbol of administrative centrality in Mthatha.

In the midst of this uncertainty, PSA members are urged to remain in close contact with the PSA Provincial Office for clarity and guidance as relocation plans unfold. Members are urged to contact the Office by contacting the Labour Relations Officers on [Samkelo.mzuku@psa.co.za](mailto:Samkelo.mzuku@psa.co.za) / 072 625 9021 and [Welcome.ngcobo@psa.co.za](mailto:Welcome.ngcobo@psa.co.za) / 082 880 8975.

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