



MEDIA RELEASE PSA cautions against using Lebombo Border during festive season

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) advises members to exercise caution and avoid using the Lebombo Border Post in Mpumalanga during the festive season owing to ongoing unrest in Mozambique.

Since October 2024, protests in Mozambique, sparked by opposition dissatisfaction with presidential election results, have severely impacted the country's economy. Tensions escalated when protesters attempted to breach the border, prompting the South African Police Service to use rubber bullets and stun grenades to disperse the crowd.

The unrest has caused significant traffic disruptions at the border, particularly along the Maputo corridor, where trucks and vehicles remain queued for crossing. Whilst the situation has currently stabilised, movement across the border remains limited, with heavy trucks at a standstill. On 9 December 2024, the Minister of Transport visited the border and advised trade and industry associations to suspend transportation of heavy cargo through the port of entry until the situation in Mozambique normalises.

The PSA is concerned about the potential impact of these disruptions on critical trade flows between South Africa and Mozambique, which could further hinder economic growth. Members of the public are also urged to reconsider travel plans to Mozambique *via* the Lebombo Border until protests have fully subsided.

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