

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA condemns disregard of occupational health and safety regulations at Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Agri Centre in North West
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) urgently calls on the Head of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to address critical health and safety concerns affecting employees at the Agri Centre in North West.

Following an inspection conducted by the Department of Employment and Labour, the building was declared unsafe and found to seriously violate occupational health and safety regulations. Contravention and prohibition notices were issued to the Head of the Department. Despite these notices, the Head of the Department has failed to take the necessary remedial action, exposing employees to significant risks.

Employees are, amongst others, exposed to malfunctioning air conditioners, leaking and falling ceilings whilst the employer seems not to care about this situation. In addition, there are no assurances from the employer as to when the repairs will be undertaken.

The PSA engaged the Department of Employment and Labour and was informed that it was busy engaging the Department regarding the non-compliance with the issued notices. The PSA has also written a formal letter to the Head of the Department, highlighting the concerns and called for urgent intervention to find a solution to the matter.

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