

Update: Dismissal of PSA shop stewards at WF Knobel Hospital

Members would recall that PSA shop stewards were dismissed on 14 April 2021 after demanding compliance with COVID-19 regulations despite obvious failure by the employer to facilitate disinfection of the Hospital after COVID-19 reported cases. This was against the background that the Department had disinfected Van Velden and Polokwane Hospitals upon reported cases. The move was seen to be silencing and victimisation shop stewards in the workplace.

The PSA vouched at the time that it would stop at nothing to ensure that the rights and interests of members are protected and that the voice of labour will not be silenced. An unfair dismissal dispute was declared with the PHSDSBC on 5 May 2021 where the matter could not be conciliated for a period of 60 days. This left the PSA with no choice but to refer the matter for arbitration on 6 July 2021.

The PSA remains committed to fighting injustices in the workplace as victimisation of those who stand for the truth will paralyse labour and reverse the gains for workers if left unchallenged. Members will be informed of developments.

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