

FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTH WEST

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Update: Widespread looting and violence in North West

The PSA in North West applauds North-WestcCommunities, especially residents of Mahikeng who acted with bravery to foil well-orchestrated plans to loot the town. These acts of violence that are spreading across South Africa are receiving strong condemnation as these have potential of depleting the the economic resources of the country and the working class will be adversely affected.

The PSA affirms the rights of citizens as contained in, *section 17 of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution*, guaranteeing that everyone “has the right, peacefully and unarmed, to assemble, to demonstrate, to picket and to present petitions”. However, this guarantee is not absolute and should not be used to promote criminal elements that plunder economic infrastructure that will increase the already high employment rate of the country.

The PSA affirms the rule of Law and that the judiciary is the strongest pillar of constitutional democracy and any attempt to weaken it is receiving the highest condemnation. The PSA extends appreciation to all public-sector employees who are deployed in these conditions and has their safety at heart, noting that public servants have not received salary increases over the past two years and that the PSA will continue its efforts ro address this.

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