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WORKERS BECOME VICTIMS OF CORRUPTION AND MISMANAGEMENT AT NORTHERN CAPE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

For immediate release

The runaway, unmitigated corruption and mismanagement at the Northern Cape Department of Health has negatively impacted the lives of innocent security workers. Over 700 security workers throughout the province have still not been paid their salaries for April 2024.

The department has not paid the security company which has rendered services to enable them to pay workers in turn.

This is disgraceful and a heinous attack on the rights and interests of innocent workers who cannot meet their financial obligations, as a result.

In the face of rising living costs, these workers are unable to buy food, pay for their own and their children scholar transport as well as their accommodation. Some have no choice but to approach the dreaded loan sharks.

The elitist leadership of the department does not care about the plight of the lowly-paid workers. They have shown a complete lack of empathy and compassion. They receive their fat cat salaries on time without any hassles.

Their children are living a comfortable life. They do not care about the challenging living conditions of the children of desperate workers.

We have consistently warned that corruption and mismanagement severely impact the poor negatively. This is a practical example of how not to make poorly considered decisions, for nefarious reasons. This is an act of counter-revolution, to borrow from their governing party's ideological rhetoric.

We call on the Department of Labour and the CCMA to urgently intervene, especially during this worker's month, to correct this situation and protect the rights of the workers.


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