

PR – NUPSAW TO MEET WITH MINISTER

SAPA PR – THE GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THE UNIONS

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MINISTER CALLS A MEETING WITH THE UNIONS TODAY AT 6PM AT THE PSCBC.

The impact of the national public service strike is felt throughout the country with devastating consequences on service delivery. NUPSAW, indicated prior to the current strike that; the strike will indeed be massive and bring government to its knees but, government did not take our warning seriously and continued to ignore our demands even when we availed ourselves so that they can engage us at anytime.

Last week national marches proved to government that we are not backing down nor are we prepared to accept any offer less favourable to our members. It is unfortunate that as a result of governments lack of cooperation, some hospitals, schools, and government department had to shut-down, while this could have been prevented by government.

The unions have resolved to intensify the strike as its entering its third-week with the total shut-down this Thursday. Other unions have also served government with notices indicating their intention to join the on-going strike.

Over the weekend the president issued a mandate to the ministers to go back to the negotiating table. And, today the Minister of DPSA requested a meeting with the unions at the Public Service Co-ordinating Bargaining Council (PSCBC) at 6pm. This morning the Independent Labour Caucus convened a meeting to discuss last weeks strike events and their position in todays meeting with the minister.

NUPSAW, advise government that we are only prepared to accept a counter offer that meets the demands as tabled.

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