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Solidarity Message to Zimbabwe Nurses Association (ZINA)

Public Services International (PSI) stands by the teeming members of the Zimbabwe Nurses Association (ZINA), in the course of your ongoing national strike. Further, PSI categorically condemns the mass sack announcement of nurses made by the Zimbabwean government. This is repressive and must be rescinded.

We recall the difficult circumstances which Zimbabwean workers have endured when the Government of Zimbabwe found itself unable to pay public sector salaries on time. Salary dates had to be staggered according to sectors, with the health sector having to wait for their salaries until the following month sometimes.

We have also noted with concern that this new administration has met with a broad array of stakeholders in the country, but has tried to avoid meeting with Public Sector workers who are an important component of the state as they are the ones with the responsibility to implement Government policy and deliver public services.

This latest decision by the Government to pay allowances selectively that were agreed on in the Collective Bargaining Agreement signed on the 31st of March is regrettable. This shows that the Government has no commitment to seriously address your issues as it is acting in bad faith to try and divide the workers. We urge you to remain united.

PSI equally notes as cynical the claims by the state Vice President that the strike is politically motivated. This Government should be advised to tolerate negotiating with trade unions as equal partners. PSI will be writing to the Government of Zimbabwe to indicate to them that Zimbabwean workers are not alone and they had better be advised to address their concerns than resort to threats and intimidations.

PSI unequivocally stands in solidarity with you ZINA, its affiliate and all workers in the health sector in demanding a safe working environment and fair remuneration. We therefore support the strike action that you have taken in order to force the government to meet your demands. Shinga mushandi!!!

Yours in Solidarity

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