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## MEDIA RELEASE

ATT: Journalists  
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### **SAEPU condemns the attitude of BUTHELEZI EMS BASE MANAGEMENT TOWARDS EMPLOYEES**

The South African Emergency Personnel's Union (Saepu) is disturbed by the attitude of Buthelezi EMS Base management which have been contracted by the Department of Health towards their employees. This comes as the Base dismissed 41 (Forty one) workers for asking about the payments of their salaries.

SAEPU learnt with total shock that workers were not paid their salaries on time as their contracts stipulates without any communiqué from the employer. Workers tried to inquire about the delays of salaries and the employer promised to pay on the 06th July 2018, which later became the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and on the same breath the commitment wasn't fulfilled.

We support COSATU Free State on their suggestion that we must strengthen our case against the privatization of public health services. We can now conclude that the National Department of Health as led by Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi is happy with the disgrace and the modern slavery of employees in this era at Buthelezi EMS Base, because we have been trying to engage with him about matters of Buthelezi EMS but our efforts were not recognised.

We are very disappointed because it doesn't need a genius to see that this is an unfair dismissal, you can't dismiss employees for trying to exercise their rights. You can't dismiss workers because they want clarity on when are they going to be paid as they performed their duties.

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