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SAEPU SUPPORTS SATAWU ON THEIR NATION WIDE BUS STRIKE.

The South African Emergency Personnel's Union wishes to throw their full support to all workers affiliated to South African Transport and Allied Workers Union (SATAWU) and other unions on their national strike that commenced yesterday.

Their strike came after a meeting that took place on Tuesday in an effort to break the deadlock in wage negotiations collapsed after employer associations Commuter Bus Employers Organisation (COBEO) and SA Bus Employers Association (SABEA) withdrew.

Unions must continue to stand firm to fight for better working conditions and ensure that workers get decent salary increase.

Employers must work on their approach towards the negotiations as they have been dragging for so long now because they started in January.

We support Cosatu's call to say Department of Transport must intervene and work to ensure that the bus companies that are beneficiaries of state subsidies take these negotiations seriously.

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