

TASWU COMMENCED WITH THEIR STRIKE ACTION AT 5H30 THIS MORNING THE 18TH APRIL 2018 AGAINST THE BUS SECTOR INTRANSIGENT EMPLOYERS.

Tirisano Transport and Services Workers Union (TASWU) commenced with its strike action today 18th April 2018, joining other Unions that have being part of the protracted wage negotiations with Bus Industry employers since 2017.

The Bus Industry employers are mainly represented by SABEA and COBEA while labour component is represented by amongst others TASWU and NUMSA who are affiliated to SAFTU.

TASWU Demands amongst others:

1. **ATB:** No settlement below 10% below will be acceptable
2. **Allowances:** All allowances should increase by 10%
3. **Multi-Year Agreement:** 1 year
4. **Dual Drivers:** To be paid the same salaries while jointly on duty

We, together with NUMSA, SATAWU and TAWUSA are resolute on this strike action, after an attempt for the past six months to amicably resolve issues led to the deadlock, we were however met with arrogance and intransigence from the Industry Employers.

The Industry still pays a slavery wage while cost of living continue to escalate, we have recently experienced the increase on VAT and increase on Petrol Levy the impact of which is directly affecting our members and society at large.

TASWU insist that the Industry can afford workers' demands, and therefore call on all progressive forces in our society to support Bus Drivers in their pursuit for a better working conditions in this Industry.

Our political demand for a public passenger transport to be removed from private ownership for profit motive remains and is the commitment we shall not abandon for the benefit of all working people of our country.

We remained committed to engage further with the Industry Employers and urge our members to remain discipline throughout the duration of the strike.

TASWU plead with commuters to understand the challenges confronting Bus Drivers while we understand their inconvenience to and from work on the daily basis.

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