

## **We condemn the ANC-SACP government for union bashing in the current public sector strike**

We condemn the ANC-SACP government for union bashing in the current public sector strike; Using the flimsy excuse of special courts and the so-called need for militarization of the police during the world cup, it is now clear that these courts and the militarised police are there for one purpose only: to smash the working class and keep us under control, as the imperialists have realized that they can no longer only depend on the ANC-SACP-Cosatu leaders to control the masses; the imperialists know that they cannot send the army into battles against the working class, as the army would side with the working class; the strengthening of the repressive apparatus of the state is to build a counter-revolutionary force to keep the masses in chains.

For years the state has resisted the finalization of a minimum service agreement in the public sector; they have always wanted to deny much of the public sector the right to strike and have over and over again used their vulnerable position to force not only low wage and salary increases, but the structural adjustment plans of the IMF/World Bank. The dubious loans from the world bank, the IMF and other imperialist agencies, always come with conditions, one of them being public sector cuts; the imperialists are behind the refusal of the government to grant a living increase to the public sector workers and staff.

For years the working class has suffered from the collapse of the public health sector; it is 'normal' for patients to die every day due to lack of equipment or privatized equipment, lack of medicine and poor nutrition and dying from the cold in shacks; every day patients die because there are too few doctors and nurses; the capitalist press remain quiet about this ongoing silent genocide against the working class; on the other hand, the government allows 70%+ of health expenditure to go to the private sector; the Netcare and Mediclinic parasites have many facilities which lie half-empty throughout the year; they turn away patients to die, every day, based on one criterion only, money; and true to form, never to lose an opportunity to profit, these bandits have stepped in to 'help', at a huge fee of course. It would be interesting to see which ANC leader has shares in the private health sector so that the paper trail could be fully exposed. Last year each of the private health groups raked in R11 bn in revenue, over the bones of the masses.

The ANC-SACP cabinet met last week; their response: interdicts, shooting and brutalising workers; their next step would be to attempt to mass dismiss workers; this is the alliance that the Cosatu leaders have told us, is defending workers democratic rights, advancing the 'democratic revolution'. The essence of the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance is an alliance of millionaires/billionaires getting rich quick while the working class remains enslaved to world imperialism-capitalism.

We equally condemn the Afriforum for interdicting the teacher unions; Afriforum is a front for the trade union, Solidarity. How ironic, the Solidarity union breaking the

solidarity of strikers! The Afriforum tries to pretend that the interest of the Afrikaner worker is the same as the Afrikaner middle and upper class. This is a lie. The white worker is exploited and has common interest with the rest of the working class. The Afrikaner middle and upper class are the ones brutalizing our brothers and sisters on the farms, using child labour, using terrible conditions of virtual slavery so that the giant imperialist companies can continue to profit from massive profits in the food sector; a section of the white workers, on the other hand, are also being bashed in this strike; we call on all workers to break with the anti-solidarity Solidarity union.

We salute the example of the Samwu Gauteng to launch solidarity action by Friday, if the state refuses to meet the very reasonable demands of the strikers; We call on all industrial sectors and other sectors in the working class to follow suit.

we note with concern the call by the Independent Labour caucus for stayaways; this opens the door for the leaders to act without mandate; we call for daily mass meetings of strikers to control the direction of the strike; we call for joint parent teacher-student meetings to intensify the strike and to take over the schools and run programmes on imperialism, the strike and how the government is acting in the interests of the capitalists.

Forward to a general strike in defence of the public sector workers' demands!  
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## **Once more on why the ANC-SACP government is pro-imperialist**

From 2009 and over the next 3 years the state will borrow R630 bn to pay mostly for the electricity scam build programme; the interest payment alone over these 4 years is R320bn; this is separate from actual loan repayments; The fraudulent loans from the imperialist banks (mostly through local agencies of these international gangsters) and the exorbitant interest rates charged, a massive bailout for imperialism, is the real reason why the state refuses to pay the public sector workers and staff a few pennies more; loans from the international gangsters always come with conditions such as cut in public sector spending.

When the imperialists say jump, the good boys of the ANC and SACP ask: 'baas, how high?' but when workers ask for funding for hospitals or schools or for free education, or a living wage, we are met by arrests and bullets, as if we are the ones committing 'public violence' (the violence against the starving, the sickly and the unemployed, by the system, is ignored).

Workers need to ask the question: do we really want to be in alliance with this ANC and SACP, that is looking more and more like the imperialist DA, every day???

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