



Media Update

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Pikitup Casual Worker Strike

Pikitup services are operational in only two of the twelve depots around the City of Johannesburg due to the continued protest action by casual workers demanding permanent employment by the waste management company.

Law enforcement agencies, including the Johannesburg Metro Police Department, Public Order Policing, and private security companies, are working to defuse the situation at the ten depots affected by the strike.

Pikitup's Senior Management have been deployed to the affected depots to engage with the workers and stress that a principle of "no work, no pay" will be enforced.

Additionally, the owners of ad hoc fleets, used to assist the company with waste collection, will be requested to provide compactor trucks and personnel to help clean the city and clear the waste backlog caused by the strike.

Pikitup Management condemns the actions of the protesters and appeals to them to refrain from violent and threatening conduct, which prevents employees from fulfilling their responsibilities to the residents of the city who have a constitutional right to a clean environment.

While efforts are ongoing to resolve the impasse, Pikitup is appealing to residents who are able to dispose of their waste at its integrated waste management facilities to do so.

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