



EFF STATEMENT ON THE ONGOING NATIONAL SHUTDOWN

Monday, 20 March 2023

The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) is pleased that the ongoing National Shutdown, which began at 12:00am on the 20th of March 2023 is proceeding successfully, peacefully and with the utmost discipline.

This morning, activists came out in their numbers and registered their dissatisfaction against the incompetent government of Cyril Ramaphosa, in the face of intimidation and violence by police and military personnel. Many activists who were violated or detained by police in the early hours of this morning have been released and are on the ground determined to exercise their Constitutional right to protest.

As things stand, it is not a normal day in South Africa. Taxi ranks, malls, and intersections which would ordinarily be busy in the cities and townships, are empty. Many shops, businesses, petrol stations, car dealerships and courts are not operational as a result of the National Shutdown.

Buses and taxis are driving around the townships and cities empty, because our people have heeded the call of the EFF to not allow the country to be business as usual, and call for the resignation of Cyril Ramaphosa.

The success of the National Shutdown so far, proves that our people are sick and tired of load shedding, corruption, unemployment, crime, Gender-Based Violence and a lack of service delivery.

One of the major successes of the National Shutdown, before it even began, is that it has drastically decreased the stages of load shedding. It is because of the National Shutdown that South Africa has moved from Stage 4 to Stage 1 over the past four days, and was even suspended yesterday.

The economy has come to a standstill because they too are tired of Ramaphosa's lies. He and the ANC said it is business as usual yet businesses are closed, meaning workers and the people of South Africa refused to listen to the lies

It is now time to descend onto the streets and register our unhappiness and frustration against the regime of the day, through massive protests and demonstrations. The shutdown will continue until midnight!

It's Now Or Never! Let Us Defend South Africa From Dictatorship!

Join The National Shutdown!

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