

FOR PSA MEMBERS: **GENERAL 6/2024**

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## WARNING: Cyber-attacks targeting government departments

The PSA noted with concern a fake Department of Home Affairs (DHA) circular issued on 12 March 2024, regarding the notice to strike on 15 March 2024. The circular making rounds informed DHA employees regarding steps to be taken should they participate in strike action. The circular, however, raised suspicion when it mentioned a PSA member who happened to have left the DHA last year. The circular is found to be fake.

It is concerning that the DHA's systems were accessed to create such a fake circular. The PSA warns members about possible cyber-attacks on government systems. Members are urged to exercise extreme caution and be vigilant against such attacks. Members are requested to report any suspicious information to the authorities and to verify the authenticity of shared information.

The PSA will urge government to put stringent measures in place to prevent access to the government system. Cyber-attacks have the potential to spread to other government components and to compromise the services of government.

Employees who want to join the PSA can visit the PSA's website ([www.psa.co.za](http://www.psa.co.za)), send an email to [ask@psa.co.za](mailto:ask@psa.co.za), or contact PSA Provincial Offices.

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