

Rekord

Vat Alles' protest threatens to shut down city

City says planned ANC Youth League protest is 'unlawful'.

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A #TshwaneShutdown protest march planned by the ANC Youth League for Friday is "unlawful" according to the city and would not be protected.

"This is a march for which the city received no formal application," said Tshwane mayor Solly Msimanga.

"While we respect all South Africans' constitutional right to protest, we encourage them to do so in a manner that is commensurate with the law," he said.

Mayor Msimanga has allegedly received death threats on social media that he would be killed during the planned march.

The planned march is in support of the so-called "Vat Alles" workers who used to be employed by a public works programme aimed at creating temporary jobs for the unemployed.

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Since the new DA administration took power, it implemented a new "lottery-like" system to pick persons for the programme to replace the old system, which critics claim was rife with corruption and favouritism.

According to the ANCYL, they want the city to:

- Reinstate 11 000 Vat Alles workers
- Reinstate Itsebe workers
- Reinstate 10 000 fired security guards
- Cut down high rental rates
- Give churches [the] land promised to them
- Stop harassment of informal traders

