



The streets in Mthatha have been left with garbage splashed all over the CBD.

Photo by Ziyanda Zweni

Workers demand full-time jobs

RUBBISH TOWN!

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KING Sabata Dalindyabo Municipality workers have continued their strike for the second week. And the Mthatha Ratepayers Association has accused municipal authorities of negligence.

Yesterday, OR Tambo Chamber of Business president Vuyisile Ntlabati and ratepayers association spokesman Madyibi Ngxekana said they were suffering.

Ntlabati said: "You can't run

a business in a dirty place. This is chasing away tourists and driving away investors. We are not happy. We have been trying to talk to the leadership of this municipality to resolve this. One way or the other, this thing needs to be solved."

Ngxekana said the angry workers were making Mthatha ungovernable.

South African Hawkers' Association president Fundile Jalile said they supported the strike.

He said the workers were

demanding permanent employment for expanded public works programme workers. They also wanted missing municipal money to be accounted for and called for the removal of mayor Dumani Zozo and municipal manager Mbulelo Sigaba.

Since the strike started, rubbish has been strewn all over the CBD.

Municipal spokesman Sonwabo Mampoza said they were trying to address the workers' demands.