



**Cleaners at the Union Buildings are crying foul after they were apparently denied entry.** Photo by Morapedi Mashashe

# Cleaners locked out of building!

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THIRTY-TWO cleaners, who've worked at the Union Buildings for about eight years, claim they were fired without any explanation on Monday morning.

"We want a good explanation as to why we were fired without any warning," said Joseph Mojapelo (40), one of the cleaners.

"We were shocked when we reported for duty at 6am and were not even allowed to go inside."

Joseph said only six people who had worked with them were re-employed.

"What will happen to us, now that we're going home with empty pockets?" he said.

"We want President Cyril Ramaphosa to know we were fired right under his nose."

The cleaners said day-shift workers were paid R3 050 a month and night-shift workers R3 100.

Public works spokesman Thami Mchunu said the department had not fired anyone.

"The department had a contract with the contractor, which hired the workers," said Mchunu.

"Our contract with the contractor expired on 31 May."