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UNION DEMANDS INTERVENTION FROM TOP

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The National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) in Limpopo is demanding of Premier Stan Mathabatha to act against Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Department Head Timothy Seroka, who is accused of having allegedly contravened regulations pertaining to reimbursed official travel claims for June this year. The ultimatum for heads to roll

and Mathabatha to intervene if wanting to avoid the wrath of the union in the province seemingly comes amid a reported attempt by the department head to have the paid claims regularised a week ago.

If Mathabatha failed to immediately act on the matter he would have to face the union in industrial action, warned Nehawu Provincial Secretary Jacob Adams in an interview with Polokwane Observer on Tuesday. It was learnt that if nothing came

of it the union's provincial structure intended to embark on such action within reasonable time.

Representatives of the union in Limpopo are seemingly headstrong about exposing what they believe to be fraud allegedly involving taxpayers' money.

It was explained that government officials undertaking road trips in their vehicles registered on the departmental system had to get their itineraries approved beforehand and upon completing the trip had to submit claims

against log entries for their vehicles once a month. Adams alleged that Seroka had submitted a total monthly claim of R11 405,88 for trips undertaken during June this year for 1 790 km apparently travelled in his Mercedes-Benz ML350 while his vehicle was reportedly in for repairs during the specific period under claim.

Adams provided images of four smaller vehicles – including a Nissan Almera and a Renault

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