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### **PUBLIC SERVICE UNION CONDEMNS MASS RESIGNATION ORDER FOR TERMINAL OFFICERS**

The Public Service Union (PSU) condemns in the strongest possible terms the heavy-handed and unlawful tactics employed by the Ministry of Constitution and Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs, and Transportation against public officers assigned to terminal management units across the country.

The PSU has received distressing reports that the Chief Transport Officer, accompanied by other officials from the Transport Department, has been conducting visits to various terminals. During these meetings, public officers were allegedly issued an ultimatum: resign from the Public Service by Friday, February 27, 2026, or face termination.

These public officers were reportedly informed that management of the bus terminals is being handed over to a private entity. In a move that reeks of contempt for established labour law, they were told that upon resignation, they may be considered for reemployment and subjected to interviews by the incoming private company.

The PSU wishes to make the following clear to the Ministry of Transport, the Government of Belize, and the public:

These are Public Officers. The employees at these terminal units are duly employed public officers with legal tenure, years of accrued service, and superannuation rights that are enshrined in law.

The Public Service Union is the certified and legal bargaining agent for these workers. By law, any proposal that seeks to alter the terms and conditions of employment, including privatization, transfers, or redundancies, must be formally communicated to and negotiated with the Union. The PSU has received zero correspondence, nor has there been any dialogue regarding this matter. This represents a grave violation of the law and the collective bargaining process.

Forcing employees to choose between resignation and termination within a 48-hour window, without Union involvement, is not only unprofessional but a blatant disregard for the due process rights of public officers and tantamount to an unlawful ultimatum:

This situation is a disturbing echo of the BTSD/SARA matter, where the Government unilaterally moved to privatize public assets while attempting to discard the public servants who built those institutions. The PSU views this as a continuation of this administration's direct assault on the Public Service; a deliberate strategy to strip public assets and hand them to private interests, regardless of the human cost to Belizean workers.

We reject the narrative that dedicated public servants with decades of service should be reduced to begging for their jobs from a private contractor or board. These officers have earned their tenure and their benefits, including superannuation. Additionally, many of these officers are on the verge of being appointed permanently into the public service by way of the amnesty program as agreed in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Government of Belize and the Joint Unions.



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The PSU hereby advises all public officers employed at terminal units across the country:

**DO NOT RESIGN.**

Resigning forfeits your tenure, your years of continuous service, and your claim to the superannuation benefits you have rightfully earned. You cannot be forced to resign.

The PSU will immediately seek an urgent meeting with the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Finance. We will demand that this illegal directive be rescinded immediately. We will engage on how any proposed changes to terminal management can be handled strictly within the framework of the law, ensuring that the jobs, tenure, and benefits of our members are fully protected.

The Government of Belize must do better. It must respect its own laws, respect its workers, and respect the collective bargaining process. The PSU will not stand idly by while the administration attempts to dismantle the Public Service one department at a time.

**Solidarity!**