

**Dear RFA Member**

## **ATDF-SA Shutdown: 20 May 2024**

Following a number of engagements with the ATDF-SA regarding the proposed protest / shutdown on 20 May 2024, the following for your attention:

1. The ATDF-SA has not received the confirmation or assurance it requested from the Department of Labour and Employment (DoEL) to investigate their allegations of certain identified transport companies employing foreigners without having followed the process required (when employing a foreign national by a South African company).
2. The leadership of the ATDF-SA has noted that it is a protest but that they cannot guarantee that certain “factions / individuals” will not resort to violence or perpetrate other unlawful acts.
3. The ATDF-SA has neither confirmed nor dismissed allegations that there will be a prolonged period of protest nor that the dates may change. The leadership has referred all queries back to the notice circulated by the organisation.

Members are advised that the proposed protest is, subject to any new development, proceeding as planned by the ATDF-SA.

Whilst the Association remains committed to the best endeavours to convince the ATDF-SA to cancel the protest (shutdown) – Members are urged to consider the heightened risk on 20 May 2024 when planning operations. As always, the decision to operate (or not) remains with an individual company. There are traditional “ATDF-SA hotspots” – N3, Mpumalanga, R25 – but these may change.

Members are further requested to inform drivers and schedulers to be on high alert at all times, to inform the SAPS immediately they are impacted, to provide locations of incidents and details on the RFA WhatsApp group, and to (where safe to do so) identify individuals who perpetrate acts of violence in any manner or form (including taking keys and drawing vehicles across roads). This can ONLY be done with the safety of the driver foremost at all times.

Kind regards,

The Road Freight Association

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**WITHOUT TRUCKS, SOUTH AFRICA STOPS!**