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COVID-19 70% 100% LOADING CAPACITY AND LONG DISTANCE TAXI OPERATIONS

The National Taxi Alliance National executive committee met on 28 June 2020 to deliberate on the Covid-19 public transport regulations and resolved as follows.

The NTA has been having cordial meetings with the national Minister of Transport whereat the leadership of the NTA has relayed the taxi industry dissatisfaction with 70% loading capacity and the outlawed interprovincial and Cross border taxis as well as the inadequate taxi industry relief fund amount.

NTA leadership has been under pressure from members through the country who have been demanding that government should allow them to load their taxis at full capacity as determined by their taxis certificates of fitness and operate long distances as per the authority of their operating licenses. NTA has consistency pleaded with members to exercise some patience until the negotiations are exhausted.

While awaiting a response from government on the concerns raised by the taxi industry we were surprised by the Premature announcement by the Minister of the transport on the issues under discussion and we were astounded by the Minister's postponement of four meeting in one week.

In response to the cries of the taxi industry the NTA leadership has resolved to no longer stand on the way of taxi operators and allow them to load in accordance with the capacity prescribed in their certificate of fitness and to all destinations prescribed by the operating licenses authority, because in law those are two most important documents that direct and authorize taxi operations.

All taxis will be disinfected, passengers sanitized and wearing masks at all taxi ranks all times.

We therefore call upon law enforcers to allow our members to operate freely in respect of the authority of the operating licenses they have should there be any form of harassments we will be left without a choice but to withhold our labour nationality until the matters at hand are resolved.

The National Taxi Alliance is currently trying up negotiations with financial institutions, were we have requested banks to allow the taxi industry to pay their 75% on the 3rd installments post covid-19 payment holidays on staged incremental basis for three months at the rate of 50% on the 1st month, 65% on the 2nd month, 75% on the 3rd month and back to 100% in the 4th month.

The National Taxi Alliance remains committed to negotiations with government on the issues of curbing the spread of the corona virus and on the issue of the relief fund.

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