

NUPENG ISSUES THREAT ON UNRESOLVED LABOUR MATTERS IN TECON & SEAWOLF

The Nigeria Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers is disturbed and worried about the unresolved payment of backlog of salaries and entitlements owed its members in Tecon Oil Services and Seawolf Drilling Services despite several government interventions.

The Union is therefore issuing a notice to withdraw its services any moment from now in solidarity with the affected workers if the unresolved payment of salaries and entitlements of these workers are not settled.

The Union states that earlier ultimatum issued on these issues had long expired without the payment of the entitlements and Government interventions have remained inconclusive.

NUPENG will therefore without further notice shut down in solidarity with the workers as all efforts at mediation had failed.

The Union is disappointed that despite the interventions of some government agencies like the DSS, the NNPC and the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment, nothing has come out.

NUPENG has therefore put its members in the Petroleum Tanker Drivers (PTD), and Petrol Station Workers at alert to withdraw its members from their work places as soon as they get directive from the National Secretariat of the Union to commence action.

It must be pointed out that the Management of Tecon Oil services reneged on the communiqué with the Union on off-loading the severance benefits of our members working in the company.

Rather the company resorted to intimidating and cajoling the workers and in the midst of all these; the Chairperson's appointment was terminated.

As for Seawolf workers, it has been a tale of woes for over five years, as their salaries and terminal benefits have not been paid since the taking over of the Company by AMCON.

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