

Cape Town's taxi strike brings business to a standstill

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Multiple safety risks have arisen from the planned taxi protest which was approved for today by the City of Cape Town.



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There have been reports of buses set alight in Nyanga as well as of taxis blocking the N2 road way in the vicinity of Khayelitsha and Kraaifontein.

Emergency services and policing agencies are on the scene.

JP Smith, MAYCO member for Safety and Security says the City of Cape Town is aware of the disruption.

The City's enforcement agencies together with the South African Police Service (SAPS), have activated their response plan to protect commuters using public-transport means.

Members of The Cape Amalgamated Taxi Association (Cata) and The Cape Organisation for the Democratic Taxi Association (Codeta) are marching from Hanover Street to the Provincial Legislature in Wale Street. They are presenting a memorandum with a set of grievances - relevant to drivers operating in townships - to Premier Alan Winde.

The grievances include the unfair requirements for releasing impounded vehicles alongside other issues.

Approximately 2,000 operators are participating in the march.

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