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**FAWU CONDEMNS COCA-COLA BEVERAGES CBSA AND BOARDROOM
RECRUITMENT FOR UNFAIR DISMISSALS AND APARTHEID-STYLE
REPRESSION OF WORKERS!**

The Food and Allied Workers' Union (FAWU) condemns the recent acts of victimisation and union-busting by *Coca-Cola Beverages South Africa (CCBSA)* and its labour broker *Boardroom Recruitment*.

After FAWU lodged a dispute with the CCMA regarding the ongoing exploitation of workers through labour broking, the employers have now taken the shocking step of preventing workers from working, a blatant act of retaliation and unfair dismissal aimed at punishing workers for exercising their lawful rights.

This is nothing less than apartheid-style repression in a democratic South Africa. Workers are being targeted and silenced simply because they have joined FAWU and stood up against exploitation. The actions of CCBSA and Boardroom Recruitment echo the darkest days of our past when workers were victimised, dismissed, and banned for demanding justice and equality in the workplace.

FAWU regards this as a coordinated and intentional attack on the right to organise, the right to fair labour practices, and the constitutional freedom of association. By employing labour brokers and intimidation tactics, CCBSA is outsourcing exploitation while concealing behind the corporate guise of "service providers."

FAWU is demanding.

1. The immediate reinstatement of all workers who have been stopped from work;
2. An end to all intimidation, threats, and union-busting activities; and
3. The total abolition of labour broking at CCBSA and full absorption of all affected workers as permanent employees.

CCBSA cannot continue to profit from the sweat of exploited labour while pretending to uphold "ethical corporate values." Its partnership with Boardroom Recruitment has become a machinery of fear, repression, and exploitation.

FAWU warns that if this apartheid-style victimisation continues, we will mobilise nationally, expose CCBSA and its labour brokers publicly, and take the fight to every platform available, from the CCMA to the streets and to the extent of boycotting their products.

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