



MEDIA STATEMENT

Date: 22nd April 2026

The Food and Allied Workers Union (FAWU) express its deep disgust and outrage at the latest act of disrespect by Rainbow Chicken. It has come to our attention, through reports from our members across the country, that payslips of FAWU members are now reflecting deductions as if they were members of UTAWU, a rival union, instead of FAWU.

We believe that this was not an honest mistake but a continuation of the employer's deliberate campaign to undermine FAWU. We recall that when FAWU officials and shop stewards previously recruited new members, Rainbow Chicken chose not to process those applications forms. We believe this was a calculated attempt to suppress FAWU's membership numbers and weaken our presence in the workplace.

It must also be noted that this is the same company where FAWU's 2nd Deputy President works, making this act even more insulting and unacceptable.

FAWU demands the following within the next 24 hours:

- Immediate correction of this deliberate misrepresentation, with all membership subscriptions redirected to FAWU.
- Provision of an accurate membership schedule to FAWU.
- Proof of payment showing that membership subscriptions have been deposited into FAWU's account.
- Consequence management applied to those responsible for this act of undermining FAWU as a union.

National Office Bearers:

President: Nico Ndima; 1st Deputy President: Nkululeko Mthethwa; 2nd Deputy President: Kagiso Motshwane;
National Treasurer: Leon Wildschutt; General Secretary: Vacant; Deputy General Secretary: Edwin Mabowa

Rainbow Chicken's actions are a blatant violation of workers' rights to freely associate with the union of their choice. FAWU will not tolerate this continued disrespect and deliberate sabotage. We stand firm in defense of our members and their constitutional rights.

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