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Comrade Paul Murphy
Chief Executive Officer
Media, Entertainment & Arts Alliance (MEAA)

NUSOJ backs MEAA strike

Dear Colleague,

The National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ), an affiliate of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), declares its total solidarity with members of the Media, Entertainment & Arts Alliance (MEAA) who are on strike.

NUSOJ is disappointed by the decision of the management of Fairfax Media who announced its intentions to cut a quarter of all newsroom jobs. Striking journalists are facing intransigent management who could already have reached an alternative solution, but chose to put their profits before the journalists and the future of journalism. Cuts and dismissals are not the way to go.

NUSOJ has called on all its sister unions in Eastern Africa to give the striking journalists their full backing and to be ready to mobilise solidarity action should a settlement not be reached.

Media workers' withdrawal of labour in an employment dispute is the only weapon they have.

In solidarity



Omar Faruk Osman
SECRETARY GENERAL