

Strike ends in South Africa

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PRETORIA, South Africa - A nearly monthlong South African public service strike ended Thursday when most unions agreed to 7.5 percent wage increase.

An agreement to accept the June 22 offer brought the longest and largest public strike in South Africa to an end, The Independent reported. The strike began June 1.

Most unions agreed to the offer but some were reportedly still discussing it.

"Others in the education sector are not prepared to sign and will be engaging with the government further," National Professional Teachers' Association President Dave Balt said, speaking on behalf of the unions to The Independent.

"We pay tribute to all our members who displayed such self sacrifice and heroism in their four-week fight for an improvement in their salaries and working conditions," Balt said.

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