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SAVE PENGASSAN GROUP COMMENDS NLC ON ₦70,000 TRANSPORT PALLIATIVE, DECLARES SUPPORT FOR WORKERS

The Save PENGASSAN Group, an advocacy group within the Save the Union initiative comprising progressive senior staff in the oil and gas sector, has commended the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) for securing a ₦70,000 monthly transport allowance and the payment of peculiar allowance arrears for Nigerian workers.

In a statement issued by its team, the group described the agreement reached on 27 October 2026 between the Federal Government, the NLC and other negotiating councils as a timely and pragmatic response to the harsh economic realities confronting workers.

The statement reads:

“At a time when Nigerian workers are grappling with the skyrocketing cost of living, the removal of fuel subsidy and galloping inflation, every kobo that enters a worker’s pocket matters. The NLC, under the leadership of Comrade Joe Ajaero, has demonstrated genuine concern for workers’ welfare by choosing negotiation and immediate relief over rhetoric.

“We applaud the NLC for its commitment, solidarity and camaraderie. This intervention, though interim, will go a long way towards cushioning workers’ transportation costs across federal, state and local governments for the next six months, pending the conclusion of a new national minimum wage framework.

“As stakeholders in the critical oil and gas industry, we understand the value of collective bargaining. We fully support this laudable initiative and encourage the NLC to sustain its advocacy for improved wages, decent working conditions and the dignity of every Nigerian worker.

“We also call on the Federal Government to faithfully implement the agreement as signed, including the payment of outstanding peculiar allowance arrears in three equal instalments beginning in November 2026, as well as the health sector allowances.

“Finally, we urge all labour centres to close ranks. The Federal Government must not be allowed to profit from any division within the labour movement. What Nigerian workers need now is unity of purpose, not a war of attrition on national television.

“Workers’ solidarity must be more than a slogan; it must be demonstrated through action.”

For: Save PENGASSAN Group

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