

# ANLCA National Body Vows To Sustain Strike Action Against APM Terminal

..... Threatens to replicate strike in all ports

As the strike action embarked upon by freight forwarders and licensed customs agents continues to linger at Apapa port, the Association of Nigeria Licensed Customs Agents (ANLCA) has vowed to sustain the strike action against APM Terminal, even as it has also instructed all other chapters of the association to join in the solidarity action, nationwide.

This stand was contained in a statement made available to *Shipping Position Daily* in Lagos last week. The statement also revealed that top officials of the association met in Lagos on Wednesday and vowed to pursue the industrial action to a logical conclusion.

The meeting was attended by members of the association's National Executive Committee (NECOM), Board of Trustees (BOT) and Chapters executives.

Specifically on the strike, the statement added that: "On the on-going, sustained withdrawal of services by members at the Apapa Port complex, the association

stoutly rose in support of the action, and called for a total involvement of all chapters spread across the nation, in solidarity with the Apapa Chapter's strike action."

It also said that: "Following up to this, all chapters are to peacefully solidarise with Apapa chapter because of some racist comments, attitudes and behaviours of APMT officials who publicly believe that, when Nigerians are hungry, they will go back to work."

"This unsolicited, unwarranted and undeserved comments infuriated protesters on end. Rather than douse the members of anger arising from the barefaced fleecing of Nigerians of their hard earned money, APMT, because of some 'powers' they rely on, aggravated the situation."

The statement further reads "An all-encompassing strike is still in the offing, which is likely to commence very soon in all the ports.

"National officers pledged various

sums of money in order to pursue the action to its logical conclusion.

It was expressly made known that the action of freight forwarders is a reaction to the high-handedness, arbitrariness and nonchalant attitude towards Nigerian importers and agents, by the APMT officials, who are being touted as the great one that cannot be tamed".

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