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ATNS Media Statement: Latest Update on Yesterday's Flight Delays

Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) SOC Limited provides the following update regarding operational disruptions at OR Tambo International Airport, which occurred on Sunday, 4 January 2026

ATNS wishes to inform key stakeholders, passengers and the public that air traffic operations at OR Tambo International Airport are normal today with services continuing as planned.

The entity can also confirm that the human resource constraints experienced yesterday at the air traffic control centre have been resolved and the operations have been stabilised with no staffing challenges anticipated. ATNS is operating at the required staffing capacity, and this will be maintained for the foreseeable future.

ATNS has successfully cleared the backlog emanating from Sunday's operational challenges.

Today, there are no anticipated delays; however, in the event of inclement weather conditions, as predicted by the South African Weather Services (SAWS), the organisation will prioritise safety, and this might lead to flight diversions.

ATNS would like to extend sincere apologies to all affected stakeholders for the inconvenience that was experienced yesterday.

Further updates will be shared as the need arises.

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