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## **NIPSA UNION WARNS OF ESCALATING PROTESTS**

The General Secretary of Northern Ireland's largest public sector trade union has warned that the cuts in public services announced by the Department of Finance and Personnel on Tuesday will be met with stiff resistance across Northern Ireland as services and jobs begin to be lost.

Brian Campfield NIPSA General Secretary speaking after details of the cuts for the next four years were published commented:-

***“The scale of these cuts will wreck the Northern Ireland economy and deprive local communities of important public services, leading to tens of thousands of redundancies in the public and the private sectors.***

***The cuts represent economic vandalism and ignore the fact that it was banks and other financial institutions which precipitated the crisis yet it is low and middle income earners, women and young people who will bear the brunt of the cuts.***

***NIPSA is calling for support from across the whole community in Northern Ireland for the protests that have been organised by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions over the next number of weeks.”***

Commenting further the NIPSA General Secretary stated:-

***“The Coalition of millionaires will, if massive numbers of ordinary people take to the streets across the UK, find it increasingly difficult to implement these savage cuts. They must be forced to consider a different model for reducing the deficit which doesn't entail dumping hundreds of thousands of workers on to the dole and decimating important public services.”***

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