

# SOUTH AFRICA: BOLT SHUTTING DOWN, WORKERS PROTESTING

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## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 **Bolt Foods** services will **shut down** in South Africa in December 2023. #companies
- 2 **Uber, Bolt** and **InDrive** workers **protested** against platform's commission and reduced safety. #workers
- 3 Drivers expressed concern over **Bolt** safety measures and violence and discrimination issues. #workers

## Why is Bolt Food leaving the country?

"At this time, we have made the difficult decision to discontinue our food delivery operations in South Africa due to business reasons."

## How about the workers?

"We are working closely with our couriers to ensure a smooth transition during this process."

**No more details so far.**

## LABOUR

Gig drivers in South Africa argue about **Bajaj Qute**, Bolt's inexpensive Indian vehicles. To reduce fares, **Bolt** introduced the automobiles and now they are viewed as a threat by other drivers.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Platform work touches at least 1% of the workforce; with this number growing by well above 10% annually. ([Fairwork](#), 2022)

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