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Protesters blockade entrances to UCT Upper Campus

The University of Cape Town confirms that groups of protesters have blocked both the North and South traffic entrances to Upper Campus. Jammie Shuttle services are not operating due to a blockade outside Tugwell residence. Campus security is monitoring the situation and seeking ways to reopen access to the roads.

In a statement to the UCT community last night, Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price said: "The executive and Council have decided that while we continue to attempt to resolve the current conflict through continued dialogue, the minimum security should be used in order to protect the academic programme, recognising also our legal obligations to secure the safety of students, staff and property. UCT will be fully open tomorrow (Monday, 3 October 2016). We will use the minimum private security required to ensure the safety of all students and staff."

UCT recognises the right to engage in protest that is within the law and adheres to the UCT code of conduct. We urge protesters to respect the rights of other members of the campus community to attend classes and arrive at work. **ENDS**

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