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### WORK STOPPAGES CONTINUE AT ADOC FACILITIES

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** – Most major male facilities of the Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC) are still experiencing work stoppages to varying degrees. Each facility is different, and as a result each facility's operations are affected differently. The work stoppages began Monday, September 26, 2022, as part of a protest at the Criminal Justice Center in Montgomery.

Since the beginning of these work stoppages, controlled movement and other security measures have been deployed to maintain a secure environment. The ADOC does not comment on specific security procedures due to the safety of the inmates, our staff, and the public.

All facilities remain operational. However, these work stoppages have affected food services given that inmate workers make up a large part of the facility support workforce. Facilities have been on a holiday meal schedule since Monday. This schedule allows for two meals instead of three. This is not a retaliatory measure but logistically necessary to ensure that other critical services are being provided.

Once the work stoppages end, facilities will once again be able to provide regular meal service. ADOC is hopeful that regular meal service can be restored as soon as possible.

Some programming, including Ingram State Technical College classes, have been limited but most have not been affected because most programs have their own staff.

It is common practice in prisons nationwide to utilize inmate workers to help provide various critical services like food service, laundry, etc.