

Uber drivers call off strike

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Labour commissioner to hear out management, cabbies on Jan 4

: Cabbies affiliated to the All Kerala Online Taxi Drivers Union have withdrawn the 'indefinite strike' they were on since December 29.

Union leaders told the media here on Thursday that the strike was being withdrawn in the wake of assurance given by online taxi service managements to favourably consider their demands, which included review of cutback on weekly wages.

They said seven workers led by union general secretary Majeed Vazhakkala held dialogue with representatives of new age taxi operator Uber.

Labour Commissioner has now called both the management and union representatives for conciliatory talks on January 4 at 3 p.m.

Adv. T.R.S. Kumar, president of the union, said the strike was a huge success with 2,756 of the total 3,107 registered online taxi drivers working for Ola and Uber cabs taking part in it. Some 54 taxi drivers conducted operations out of sheer misunderstanding. A special convention of all union members would now be held at Ernakulam Town Hall on February 2, he said. He said the managements had been given 30 days to finalise an acceptable wage structure and to ensure better allowances. A helpline would be launched for round the clock assistance to drivers.

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