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**MEC CELE CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF SIX PEOPLE IN KRANSKOP.**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has condemned the killing of six people between Kranskop and Maphumulo that took place yesterday evening (22 February 2007).

Strong allegations are pointing to taxi violence as a possible motive but no arrests have been made so far. "Members of the serious and violent crime unit are busy reconstructing the murder scene, and we urge the community to assist police investigation where possible. Police are investigating all possible leads, be it taxi violence or any other to ensure that justice prevails," Cele said.

Among the deceased two people are said to be members of Kranskop Taxi Association. Cele sends his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. "Police Officials are there to protect communities in any given situation. We are a democratic government, but nobody is above the law. Brutal killings should be condemned and agents of the state will continue defending the weak," said Cele.

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