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DOT EMBARKS ON OPERATION 'YEHLA KANCANE' TO CURB TRUCK ACCIDENTS

The Department of Transport in KZN is embarking on "**Operation Yehla Kancane**" which is aimed at ensuring 100% compliance by truck operators. MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Bheki Cele indicated that the operation is already underway and truck drivers who are not compliant to the rules of the road will be dealt with accordingly.

The Department of transport in KZN has previously embarked on operation "**Thatha iskorokoro**" which was mainly targeting public transport (buses and taxis) to ensure commuter safety and its mission was accomplished. Operation "**Yehla Kancane**" is however intended to ensure that trucks do not overload, they reduce speed at points that are indicated, and more over full compliance on safety and regulation is expected. Cele has indicated that enforcement on trucks was previously focusing on weigh bridges to inspect overloading, however due to a lot of accidents that involved Light Motor Vehicles (LMV) and Heavy Motor Vehicles (HMV) it became clear that enforcement on trucks should be expanded to roadworthiness and full road compliance to ensure safety for all road users.

MEC Cele has sent a strong warning to all truck operators to be on the right side of the law. "We are cleaning up on non-compliant truck operators. **We cannot afford to have lives lost due to overloaded and unroadworthy trucks. Those who are not 100% compliant will suffer the wrath of the law**", said MEC Cele.

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