



MEDIA ALERT

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ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS / REPORTERS

MEC CELE DISMISSES RUMORS OF TAXI OPERATIONS BEING DISRUPTED DURING THE ZUMA TRIAL AS MALICIOUS

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki has dismissed rumors that taxi operations being disrupted during the Jacob Zuma trial in Pietermaritzburg as malicious and baseless.

According to MEC Cele taxi owners have indicated their willingness to support Mr. Zuma during his trial period; however they would not stop their vehicles from operating. MEC Cele has dismissed these rumors as being malicious and uncalled for. The MEC further indicated that Mr. Zuma will receive support from different groups/organizations and individuals and that does not suggest any form of instability in the public transport operations.

"I wish to dismiss all rumors that taxi operators will disrupt operations in an effort to show their support to Mr. Zuma. It is true that taxi owners have vowed to support Mr. Zuma during his trial in Pietermaritzburg on Monday (04/08/08) and will attend the hearing; however they did not indicate any intentions of disrupting operations. Therefore such rumors are malicious and baseless and should be disregarded", said Cele.

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