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Attention: News Editors/ Reporters & PR Wire

**MEC Cele strongly condemns irresponsible and ruthless statements from the
President of IFP Women's Brigade: Thembi Nzuza**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Bheki Cele has robustly condemned immature and misleading public statements from the President of IFP Women's Brigade Ms Thembi Nzuza during a media interview. This follows threatening remarks of a possible 'World War III' and bloodshed if the City of Ethekwini continues to change street names particularly – Mangosuthu Highway in Umlazi, south of Durban.

"As the MEC responsible to maintain law and order in the province, I strongly express disapproval of such statements from a public representative. Calling for a **World War** and bloodshed - for a City to be ungovernable is a menace to society. It is a responsibility of every leader to ensure that a public platform is not misused to advance a particular propaganda to serve individual interests, Cele said.

"Women and Children are a vulnerable group in our society therefore it is extremely disturbing to receive such misleading statements from a women leader to call for instability in the province, the consequences of such a statement could be very severe, hence government is working tirelessly to advance a struggle for the emancipation of women and children and remove remnants of sexism that still exists in our society," Cele concluded.

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