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## **PUTTING XENOPHOBIA BEHIND US**

Kwa-Zulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will host a mini Indaba at Cato Manor Sports Ground on Tuesday (08/07/08) at 10am with the purpose of putting Xenophobia behind us. Also expected to attend is MEC for Social Development Mr. Meshack Hadebe, MEC for Housing, Local Government and Traditional Affairs Mr. Mike Mabuyakhulu and His worship Mayor for Durban Cllr Obed Mlaba.

This Indaba resulted from several xenophobic attacks that have been happening around the Province especially Durban and the surroundings. Communities that were mostly affected by this were Cato Manor, Mayville, uMbilo, Durban CBD, Chatsworth and Lamontville resulting in many residents displaced. This Indaba will serve the purpose of explaining to the public what the Provincial government together with the Durban municipality have done to remedy the situation and also to put Xenophobia behind us.

"Xenophobic attacks were brutal, barbaric and extremely unnecessary therefore the KZN government has embarked on a multi-disciplined approached towards ensuring that our Province belongs to all who lives in it hence a collective approach from the government and the communities is crucial in putting xenophobia behind us" said Cele.

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