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**MEDIA ALERT**

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**MEC CELE CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF THE EXECUTIVE CATO MANOR TAXI  
ASSOCIATION MEMBER AND HIS FAMILY**

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Bheki Cele strongly condemns the orchestrated killing of the executive member of the Cato Manor Taxi Association and his family at their home at Kwa-Mashu last night (07/05/08) approximately 7pm.

According to the police report it is alleged that the killings are related to the on going taxi violence between Cato Manor and Chesterville/Westville Associations, however the matter is still under the SAPS investigation. In a space of two months two members of the same association have been killed. The ongoing series of killings involved the Chairperson of Cato Manor Taxi Association who was shot and killed in March this year and subsequent to that another shooting occurred at the Cato Manor Taxi rank (eMithini Emthathu) where a hawker was injured. Prior to these killings, it is alleged that the two Associations were still in negotiations over the Nsimbini and Chief Albert Luthuli routes.

**“I wish to express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families and friends of the deceased. We cannot accept such behavior as it dents the dynamic image of the taxi industry. We will continue with our efforts to find a long standing solution to the conflict. The SAPS are working tirelessly to arrest those responsible for the ruthless killings. Boardrooms are better than the battle field, therefore killing is never a solution to any problem that is why we are here to defend the weak”** Cele said.  
**ENDS.**

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