



MEDIA ALERT

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MEC CELE CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF A TAXI DRIVER AND THE BURNING OF THREE TAXIS

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has strongly condemned the killing of a taxi driver at the Warwick Junction Taxi Rank today (20/02/08) at approximately 05h00 am. The motive for the killing is not yet known and police are working tirelessly to apprehend the culprit.

In a separate incident that took place at Zwelimbovu today (20/02/08), three taxis were burned down by unknown culprits and the Department of Transport has come out strongly to condemn such criminal incidents. Policing has been intensified in the area to retain calm. A bus company that was contracted by the Department is operating in the area following the suspension of operations by Zwelimbovu and KwaNdengeza Taxi Association.

The Department of Transport has been engaged in talks with the two associations to come out with a long standing agreement to normalize the situation in the area.

‘I strongly condemn the killing of a taxi driver and the burning of three taxis in two separate incidents. Such actions cannot be tolerated in our society. The police are will be working around the clock to arrest those responsible for these inhumane actions, said Cele’.

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