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MEC CELE CONDEMNS THE SHOOTING AT NSIMBINI-CATO MANOR

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Bheki Cele strongly condemns the shooting that happened early this morning (20/05/08) at Nsimbini in Cato Manor following the killing of Cato Manor Executive member and his family early this month.

At this stage the police are not ruling out the possibility of linking this shooting to the ongoing taxi violence between Cato Manor and Chesterville/Westville Associations, however the matter is still under their 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. No injuries were reported.

“We cannot tolerate such bad behavior in the taxi industry. We will continue with our efforts to find a long standing solution to the conflict and ensuring that the department together with the taxi industry comes up with a remedy to this on ongoing violence that will end up killing innocent people”. Cele said.

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