

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC CELE CONDEMNS THE BURNING OF TWO BUSES

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The KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has strongly condemned the barbaric acts of the burning down of buses in two separate incidents in the province. The first incident happened yesterday morning at Lindelani in KwaMashu and a second incident was reported at Amawoti in the early hours of today (27/08/08).

According to the reports received, it is alleged that petrol attacks occurred in two separate bus incidents resulted in these buses burned beyond recognition. It is alleged that the first incident took place when two assassins entered a bus while it was about to depart, and ordered the bus driver to hand over a gun that he was about to take out. They then poured petrol on the bus and set it alight.

In a separate incident today (27/08/08) a bus belonging to "Two Line Coaches" was allegedly burned down in what is believed to be a petrol bombing in the area of Amawoti. In both these incidents no arrests have been made and no injuries were reported. Police investigation is still underway.

"These attacks are inhuman and barbaric, members of the SAPS will work tirelessly in making sure that the perpetrators are caught and dealt with accordingly. Such behavior is unacceptable as it put the lives of the commuters in great danger. The department will continue to defend the weak at all times," said Cele.

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