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**MEDIA ALERT**

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**MEC CELE CONDEMNS THE SHOOTING OF SIX PEOPLE IN HLUHLUWE**

KWAZULU-NATAL Transport, Community Safety and Liaison MEC Mr Bheki Cele has strongly condemn the shooting at Hluhluwe garage between the Hluhluwe and Gauteng Taxi Association resulting in five people injured and one killed yesterday (Monday-28/04/08) afternoon.

A preliminary report has revealed that the Gauteng drivers were collecting and transporting passengers from around Johannesburg hostels to Hluhluwe without the local association consultation. It is alleged that this habit has been happening usually on long weekends and holidays where migrant workers visits their homes. Reports also reveal that, as were on their way back to Gauteng at the filling station in Hluhluwe, the shooting ensued, resulting in five people injured and one killed. It is also alleged that the Gauteng taxis were using false number plates.

Police are investigating the matter and are still trying to locate the owners with help of both Gauteng and KZN taxi Registrars.

**“We cannot accept such behavior among the taxi industry that is why we have deployed more SAPS and PTEU in that area to maintain law and order. We will continue with our mission to Defend the Weak at all times”** said Cele.

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