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MEDIA STATEMENT

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**MEC CELE CONDEMNS THE BURNING OF TWO BUSES AT INANDA AND
NDWEDWE**

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele strongly condemns the burning of two busses which led to a passenger burnt to death at Inanda and Ndwedwe this morning (30/07/08).

It is alleged that a passenger was shot at Inanda before the bus he was travelling in was burnt and he subsequently burnt and died on the scene. In a related incident a bus was reported burnt at Ndwedwe leaving six people injured in what is alleged to be a feud between taxi and bus operators regarding operations around Inanda and Ndwedwe. The police are investigating the matter and a report will be issued in this regard.

In a separate incident gun shots were fired at Cato Manor, however no fatalities were reported to this regard. Police have been deployed in the area to calm the situation.

“I strongly condemn the burning of two busses at Inanda and Ndwedwe which left six people injured and one burnt to death. Our mandate as government is to ensure safety for passengers and all road users and. We will therefore act harshly to those who disrespect the law and only want to advance their greed by killing innocent passengers. Police are working

**around the clock to bring all perpetrators of these violent acts to book.”
said Cele.**

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