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SECURITY FORCES ON HIGH ALERT IN GREYTOWN

A STRONG contingent of a multi-disciplinary Provincial Team drawn from various units of the South African Police Service and other security agencies are on high alert in Greytown area (uMvoti) ahead of a by-election tomorrow, MEC for Transport, Community Safety & Liaison, Willies Mchunu has said. "Any attempt to derail the by-election will be dealt with harshly by the security forces," Mchunu warned.

The by-election takes place in ward 11 (Emakhabeleni) following the death of an IFP Councillor in June, in what was believed to be a political related strife. Peace has since been restored in Greytown. Both the local ANC & IFP leadership signed the peace accord last month under the guidance of a Cabinet appointed Provincial Task Team led by the incumbent MEC Mchunu.

Mchunu added: "People of Greytown shall enjoy equal rights like all other citizens in a democracy. I am satisfied that the political leadership in uMvoti has the necessary political will to work towards everlasting peace. The Department of Community Safety & Liaison and the Provincial Government will continue to support all initiatives aimed at fostering peace and bringing much needed development. The level of police presence in the area is adequate to deal with any eventuality. I urge the people to come in their numbers and participate in the by-election. The people's massive participation in the by-election will be a show of force for peace, and democracy".

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