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MEC CELE CONDEMNS THE BRUTAL KILLING OF INKOSI ZONDI AT Z SECTION UMLAZI

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has robustly condemned the brutal murder of Inkosi Mbongeleni Zondi in the early of this morning (22/01/2009) at Umlazi Z Section. Cele has sent his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and friends declaring that police will leave no stone unturned in apprehending the culprits. The late Inkosi Zondi is originally from Umsinga in the KwaZulu-Natal midlands and is related to the stalwart and one of the highly respected heroes of our struggle Inkosi Bhambatha ka Mancinza.

Initial reports have revealed that Zondi was driving his vehicle a Toyota Run -X at Umlazi Z section, and was allegedly followed by a Yellow VW Polo with three passengers on board. At the intersection the three armed men jumped out of the VW Polo gunning down Zondi with an AK-47 Rifle. Police reports have revealed that Zondi was shot at more than 50 times, however the motive behind the brutal murder is still unknown; a high profile specialized task team is investigating the matter and no arrests have been made so far.

"Inkosi Zondi's untimely death came as shock to all of us. Our deepest condolences go to the Zondi family, friends and the entire clan. Zondi will be greatly missed by all those who held in high esteem. This kind of behavior is totally brutal and unacceptable, police are following a promising lead and the perpetrators will face the full might of the law. A special task team of investigators from the SAPS will work tirelessly to bring criminals to book," said Cele.

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