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**NATIONAL MINISTER OF TRANSPORT MR JEFF HADEBE TOGETHER WITH THE
MEC CELE TO OPEN BLACK UMFOLOZI BRIDGE**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele and the National Minister of Transport Mr. Jeff Hadebe will **on the 24 February (Tuesday) officially open the othombothi black Umfolozi Bridge, the event is set to be at Thombothi this High School at 09:00**

The construction of a bridge to link road over the Black Mfolozi River for the Xasane and Esizinda communities in the Mahlabathini district has had a major impact on a large community on both sides of the river.

The bridge to be opened is part of R1, 5 billion that the Department of Transport has invested in Zululand to deal with the infrastructure challenges.

Zululand is one of the areas in the province where people still travel kilometers on foot to the nearest clinic, hospital, school, pension payout. Therefore, we say as government we cannot allow a situation where teachers and learners have to undress everyday to cross rivers to school.

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“Since our Liberation in 1994 our Government has fully committed itself to bettering the lives of the people , hence the department of transport is dedicated not only with the construction if infrastructure that will give access to economic growth but also to impart skills. The KZN Department of Transport continues to vigorously defend the weak at all levels Society,” said Cele.

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