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MEDIA ALERT

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 02 October 2009

ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRES

MEC CONVENES AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEDIA CONFERENCE: KENNEDY ROAD DEBACLE

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu, acting on behalf of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government will on Sunday, 04 October 2009, convene a Kennedy Road Stakeholder Symposium. The aim of the symposium, according to the MEC, is to bring together key stakeholders including Abahlali basemijondolo, Diakonia Council of Churches, all leaders of community structures in the Kennedy Road Informal Settlement and interested groups in, "a last ditch effort to bring about peace and, to ensure that normality returns in the area".

This follows a directive issued earlier this week to the Department of Community Safety & Liaison to start a process of Communities-in-Dialogue Programme. The Sunday meeting is therefore a launching pad for the Programme.

The MEC also intends to present the view of the Provincial Government on persistent "allegations" of police negligence, ethnicity & xenophobia claims as having contributed to the present crisis. The Kennedy Road Stakeholder Symposium will start at 09:00 in the morning, followed by a media briefing and, a general community meeting will follow soon. All media are invited as follows.

Date: Sunday, 04 October 2009

Venue: Kennedy Road Community Hall

Starting Time: 09:00 am

Ends

Please: Preview interviews can only be conducted after 17H00 as both the MEC and his spokesperson are, "locked" in a meeting.

For more information please contact MEC's spokesperson Bhekisisa Mncube –
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